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IWJ Summer Internship

The Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) Summer Internship is a collaborative project of IWJ, colleges and universities, and local interfaith worker justice organizations.

This summer internship program begins on June 6, 2010 in Chicago for an intensive week of training and orientation with social justice workers and theologians. Interns will then travel to local interfaith committees around the country for eight weeks of hands-on service. Participants will reconvene August 11-13, 2010 in Chicago for reflection and exploring next steps.

The Internship will give undergraduate students the opportunity to:

- Witness workers' struggles for justice in the workplace
- Work with local interfaith committees on issues facing workers, including living wage campaigns, affordable health benefits, immigrant worker issues, and local organizing campaigns
- Develop a wide range of skills, including coalition building, organizing, advocacy, public policy, communications, and social analysis
- Integrate principles and theories of religious teachings with hands-on experience of working for social change in a range of vocational and social arenas
- Collaborate with diverse, interfaith teams

Interns will be placed at an IWJ partner organization over the summer. The intern-site matching process will be conducted in part through the consideration of the interests, talents, and geographical preferences of the intern and the needs of the organization. A list of IWJ partner organizations can be found at www.iwj.org.

Expectations of the intern:

- Identify and solicit funds from your university, congregation, and other sources to cover your administrative fee and stipend
- Participate in a confirmation phone interview with the site
- Carry out assignments and follow work plan
- Check in with the Internship Coordinator regularly
- Complete additional assignments for academic credit if required
- Participate in a group blog, regular conference calls with other interns, and other expectations discussed as an internship class

Financial Agreement:

The cost for participation in the IWJ summer internship is \$4,000 per student. This includes a \$1,000 administrative fee that covers costs associated with training, orientation, and debrief and a \$3,000 summer stipend. IWJ believes that \$3,000 is an appropriate stipend goal; interns are encouraged to raise the full amount but it is not required. While many students are sponsored through their university, each student must do some amount of individual fundraising. As long as efforts have been made, no qualified student will be turned away.

Each intern will receive:

- Transportation costs to/from orientation, their placement site, and debrief
- Housing provided by a local interfaith committee if intern relocates for the summer
- All local transportation costs, including a bus/train pass and/or mileage
- A stipend raised through academic institutions, individual fundraising, and other sources (see financial agreement)
- Possible academic credit

For more information, please contact:

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IWJ Summer Internship Application

Deadline: March 15, 2010*

Name _____ Birthdate _____

College/University _____ Expected Graduation year _____

Denomination/home parish _____

Current Address (please indicate dates good through) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Permanent Address _____

Current Phone (home work cell parents) _____

Alternative Phone (home work cell parents) _____

E-mail _____

Languages Spoken _____

How did you hear about the internship? _____

Representative from your college or university responsible for your summer experience, if applicable:

Name _____

Position _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Summer Emergency Contact Name, Address, Phone _____

PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME.

Please **TYPE** your answers to the following questions in the space provided, or attach additional sheets if needed.

1. Please describe your experience with social justice activities, especially those involving worker justice issues. Include the challenges and what you learned.

2. In your opinion, what role does faith and religion play in social justice movements?

* Applications received after this date will be considered as space allows through April 15.

