

The Washington Center's Alaska Native/American Indian Internship

The Washington Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with colleges and universities to place students in challenging internships within Washington, D. C. The students have an opportunity to academic credit, earn stipends, meet and make valuable contacts with men and women who hold leadership positions in public, private and nonprofit sectors in the United States and around the world. The Washington Center's Alaska Native/American Indian Imitative Internship was designed to prepare Native students from colleges/universities across the country to assume leadership positions in the public sector.

Initiative Goals

- Encourage Alaska Natives/American Indians to consider an internship and possible career with the federal government.
- Identify and acquaint students with positive Native role models.
- Help students define personal, academic and professional goals, and integrate academic theory with professional experience for a deeper understanding of public policy formation and students' roles in that process.
- Engage Native students in professional networking opportunities.
- Encourage students to contribute to society through service.

General Requirements

- Be enrolled at an accredited college or university as a second semester sophomore or above during the term of the internship. Graduate students receiving credit are also eligible.
- Maintain a GPA average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Students with GPA are lower than 2.75 are encouraged to submit their applications early. Higher GPAs (minimum 3.0) may be required for federal agencies such as the U.S. Departments of Justice and State, the U.S. Attorney's and the Cable News Network (CNN).
- Receive academic credit from your college or university for your participation in the Internship Program. The Washington Center does not grant academic credit.
- Receive the endorsement of your campus liaison, or, if your institution does not have a campus liaison, the endorsement of a faculty sponsor. You must see this person before you begin your application. If you are unsure who this person is, please email info@twc.edu.

Application Requirements

- Be an enrolled member of a federally or state recognized tribe.
- Specify interest in this initiative on The Washington Center's general application at <https://secure.twc.edu/twc/default.jsp>.
- Submit an application by the proper deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be processed on a space-available basis. The summer competitive deadline is February 1, 2010 and the regular deadline is March 12, 2010.
- Students are placed in federal agencies and are provided a full scholarship to cover the program and housing fees as well as a weekly stipend. Students are officially accepted into the program under this initiative only when an offer from an agency has been received and accepted. Students who wish to intern outside of the federal government or who are not offered a position through this initiative may still be accepted in the general Washington Center program; however, program and housing fees apply.

If you are interested in the Alaska Native/American Indian Initiative, please contact Danielle Mahan at Danielle.Mahan@twc.edu or by phone at 202-238-7967.