

SAF Student Internship Program



OF THE LONG ISLAND AREA COUNCIL
OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATIONS

**UU Faith in Action -
Students making a Difference in
our Communities**

*The Student Activity Fund
Internship program is made
possible by the Unitarian
Universalist Veatch Program
at Shelter Rock. Over 40
years of promoting UU values
& supporting our youth on
Long Island.*

What is SAF all about?

The purpose of the Student Activity Fund is to encourage young Unitarian Universalists to live their religious values through internships in social action, advocacy and service provision.

SAF is a grant-program funded by the **Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock** that enables high school seniors and college students to perform significant service to the community while earning money to help finance their education.

Will I receive payment for my work?

Award amounts are subject to change, but recently have been calculated at \$11.00 per hour of service for high school students and \$12.00 per hour for college students, and increases to \$13.00 per hour once a participant has worked a total of 500 hours through the Internship Program.

Information and applications available at

LIACUU.ORG
Programs/Student Internship page

Or by contacting:

Karyn O'Beirne, SAF Director

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Who can participate in the Student Internship Program?

- You must be entering your **Senior** year of **High School** this Fall to be eligible for a Summer 2021 Internship **OR**
 - Be an **undergraduate** college or trade school student, gap year student, or May 2021 college graduate
- AND**
- Be **under 25 years of age** on June 1 of the year of application
 - Be a **member or child of member in good standing** of a Long Island Unitarian Universalist Congregation

What must I do to participate?

Submit the **online** Student Internship application to the Program Director no later than May 15th 2020.
<https://www.liacuu.org/student-internship.#/>

Attend the **mandatory Zoom** Orientation/Leadership Training Workshop in May 2021.

Submit a timesheet and a report evaluating your experience at the end of the internship.

Display the values of Unitarian Universalism while interning.

Connect the internship experience to UU values in a personal reflection essay and submit two photos to Program Director at end of internship.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERNSHIPS

- Agencies advocating for Social Justice.
- Civil Rights organizations
- Get out the Vote initiatives
- Sustainable Living think tanks
- Climate change & Environmental organizations
- Nutrition services, Food pantries & Community gardens
- Community camp programs
- Assisted living, Hospice and community clinics
- Wellness care providers or organizations

A complete list of prior years' non-profits & contacts is available at

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Students choose their own non-profit organization to volunteer with. Supervisors submit an **online Supervisor Agreement form** to be approved by SAF Program Director

QUALIFICATIONS FOR INTERNSHIPS

To receive funding for work done through Student Internship program, the intern must choose a non-profit agency whose goals are:

Directly aimed at alleviating inequity, injustice and discrimination,

OR

To encourage the formulation and implementation of public policies promoting world peace

OR

Ecological responsibility

OR

Designed to preserve and protect civil liberties

OR

Related to the direct provision of needed services to disadvantaged sectors of society.

Students cannot receive SAF award money as a volunteer for a particular political candidate or party campaign under SAF's guidelines as a religious non-profit program.

"Every morning I was given the opportunity to check my privilege at the door." SAF student intern

Once accepted students may participate in the SAF internship program during the summer and during the coming school year. It is also possible to choose to work anywhere in the world, or online provided the non-profit meets one of the above qualifications.

What does the participating non-profit have to do?

- Complete required Supervisor Agreement & Information online form before the student intern begins work.
- Provide adequate training as needed, and ongoing supervision
- Provide a safe working environment
- Share the agency's mission and its role in society with intern
- Complete and submit the online supervisor's evaluation at the conclusion of the internship.



"Each project that I complete with the support of Student Activity Fund helps me realize more and more how valid and important the UU principles are in our world."

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