

Please share this information about an amazing opportunity to intern at the Utah State Capitol one day a week for 7 weeks with eligible teens (15 years and older)!

Utah Eagle Forum is now accepting applications from teens ages 15 and up for our Intern Program for the upcoming 2018 Utah Legislative Session (January 22nd thru March 8th).

Our Intern Program is an *amazing opportunity* and an especially good fit for teens who value an educational experience that teaches them how to be good citizens and statesmen and practical experience in the implementation of government practices and procedures.

Our interns:

- Learn first hand how a bill becomes a law, seeing them progress from a bill request, thru legislative review to introduction, thru committee and the public testimony phase, thru the floor debate process to a vote, then on to the next body for the same process and finally to the governor for signature or veto;
- Learn foundational principles as championed by our founding fathers and learn to apply those principles to the issues that come up as bills come forward;
- Learn how bills can be substituted and amended throughout the process as citizens and paid lobbyists get involved influencing policy makers and negotiating to bring forth better policy;
- Learn how to track bills through the process, meet and interview bill sponsors of selected bills to gain insight on how and why bills come forward, and (with permission) they can prepare and give testimony on certain bills;
- Prepare agendas and pull bills and are a HUGE part in helping us organize and schedule so that we can be testifying and lobbying for or against the dozens and dozens of bills we take an active interest in each session;
- Keep on-going records on the status, testimony and debate for all the bills we take an active interest in;
- Meet state lawmakers;
- Review floor debate on selected bills in order to analyze the 2 sides of the debate and determine how they fit into our foundational principles;
- Generally keep our "Office" running smoothly!

This is a hands-on, learn-from-experience educational opportunity. Our interns leave the program as the very best of citizens and some of our interns have gone on to be Interns for Utah Legislators and Pages in Washington DC!

We are looking for teens that can commit to being at the Capitol for one full day each week. Teens who are currently involved in a Teen Eagle Group will be given top priority.

The deadline for applications is MONDAY, January 15th, but certain time slots will fill quickly, so get your application in early! I've attached the Rules and Eligibility and the application, or it can be found on our website at <http://utaheagleforum.org/legislature.html>

You may be interested in this news video on our intern program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TpbaXASYzY&feature=youtu.be>

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