

National Farmers Union Intern Program



Dear Internship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the National Farmers Union Intern Program. Please read the application materials thoroughly.

NFU's Intern Program offers young adults a "real world" working experience with opportunities to expand their knowledge base and develop their skills, and internships can be tailored to meet each individual intern's interests—government relations, communications, cooperative development, education, or membership. The program is flexible in meeting university/college requirements. Internships typically last two to five months or one semester and are based in the NFU office in Washington, D.C.

If you have any questions about our intern program, please contact me at 419-203-1739 or by e-mail at mmiller@nfu.org. We look forward to receiving your application.

Best wishes,

Maria Miller
Education Director
National Farmers Union

About National Farmers Union

National Farmers Union is a general farm organization, founded in 1902. Farmers Union works on a variety of economic and social issues, helping to provide positive, constructive leadership on behalf of family agricultural producers and rural communities.

Farmers Union has a three-part mission: legislative representation, cooperative development, and education.

Washington, D.C., the location of the National Farmers Union office, serves as its members' direct link to Congress, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other key agencies of the administration. While policy is developed and driven from the grassroots level, the government relations staff takes Farmers Union's priorities directly to the nation's key decision-makers.

Family farmers seek and require access to additional markets. The cooperative development staff works to explore effective methods and new technologies for innovative networking, distribution, and direct marketing systems of the food, fiber, and energy produced by farmers, ranchers, and community value-added agriculture groups.

The future of family farm agriculture depends heavily upon the civic involvement of the next generation. National Farmers Union believes young people can practice good citizenship now, and not only when they reach adulthood. Farmers Union educational staff encourages this through leadership training and opportunities for young people as early as first grade.

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Eligibility:

- Δ Enrolled college student or graduate student
- Δ Cumulative G.P.A. 3.00 or higher

Criteria/Requirements:

- Δ Copy of college transcript
- Δ Farmers Union members—two letters of recommendation, one from your state/regional Farmers Union president or leader and one from an instructor (state president will be asked for verbal or written reference)
- Δ Non-members—two letters of recommendation, one from an instructor and one from a community member, employer or instructor
- Δ Written essay expressing your reasons for applying for an internship with the National Farmers Union. Essay should be two pages, double-spaced, 12-point font with one-inch margins on all sides.
- Δ Phone interview, with finalists

Internship Areas of Interest:

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| Δ Communications | Δ Education |
| Δ Cooperative Development | Δ Policy Research and Advocacy |
| Δ Economics | Δ Membership Marketing |

Location:

- Δ Washington, DC – office located at 20 F St. NW, Suite 300

Stipend:

- Δ \$1,000 per month for two or three months working full-time during June - August; \$1500 per month for two or three months working full-time during September – May

Application Deadline:

- Δ Applications must be postmarked by the following dates:
 - Spring semester 2012: Open
 - Summer 2012...February.12.2012
 - Fall 2011 semester: Open

Submit all application materials to:

NFU Education Director Maria Miller
P.O. Box 824
Windsor, CO 80550

Please list your school activities.

Please list your community activities.

Please describe your hobbies/interests.

Please describe your personal strengths.

What are your career goals?

I hereby acknowledge that the above information is complete and accurate. _____ Date _____

Please check that you have included the following items: completed copy of your transcript, two letters of application, written essay explaining why you want to intern with National Farmers Union.

**If you are a graduate student, please attach your resume.

Print Form