



INTERNSHIPS



Young Democratic Socialists 212.727.8610 www.ydsusa.org

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIPS:

Deadlines:

The YDS internship program is ongoing. There are no deadlines, though we recommend sending in applications as early as possible.

Locations:

Internships are based out of the Young Democratic Socialists national office in downtown NYC. Internship titles noted with an asterisk (*) can be carried out either fully or partially via on-line correspondence. In such cases, interns can work from anywhere in the country.

Hours:

We have flexible hours (ranging from 1-2/week to more fulltime placements) and can develop a work schedule that fits the goals and time availability of interns.

Credit:

YDS will assist in getting school credit where applicable.

Office Support / Grassroots Organizer

This volunteer internship position is an opportunity to develop grassroots organizing skills and provide support for ongoing activist projects.

Responsibilities:

- Assisting the National Organizer in carrying out day-to-day activities of YDS
- Helping plan conferences and events covering a broad range of social-justice issues.
- Tracking and documenting the work of our local groups around the country

- Helping design, copy and distribute educational materials for youth and student activists.
- Coordinating activities and attending events with other progressive organizers in the NYC area.

Qualifications:

- Detail-oriented, flexible and enthusiastic learner.
- A commitment to social and economic justice
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills a plus.

Web & Graphic Designer*

This volunteer internship position is for talented graphic and/or web designers interested in putting their skills to use to advance progressive change.

Responsibilities:

- Helping design educational and promotional material for youth and student activists in the form of fliers, t-shirts, buttons, stickers, posters, web content, and organizing guides.
- Working with the YDS Webmaster and National Organizer to update and improve the

- look and content of our website (if web proficient).
- Helping develop a new inter-active web magazine/blog that will feature articles, analysis and interviews with youth activists around the world and noted left-wing scholars.

Qualifications:

- Web and/or graphic design experience and ability to use design programs.
- Creative, detail-oriented, and visually savvy.
- A commitment to social and economic justice

Activist Researcher*

This volunteer internship position is designed for those interested in putting their Internet research skills to use in the cause of social and economic justice.

Responsibilities:

- Researching the political climate and activist presence on campuses across the country.
- Tracking and documenting the work of local YDS groups around the country.

- Information gathering about progressive politics and organizing opportunities.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of using Internet search engines (like Google).
- Detail-oriented, flexible and enthusiastic learner.
- A commitment to social and economic justice

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HOW TO APPLY:

Send resume and cover letter to yds@dsausa.org with the word "INTERNSHIP" in the subject line.

You can also fax or snail mail applications using the YDS office information listed below.

Applicants are also welcome to email or call our office with any questions.

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Activist Editor / Writer*

This volunteer internship position is for a talented writer and/or editor interested in putting their skills to use to advance progressive change.

Responsibilities:

-Helping write and/or edit educational, analytical and promotional material for youth and student activists in the form of the fliers, articles, talking points, interviews, position statements, organizing guides and web content.

Qualifications:

-Excellent writing and editing skills.
-Political sophistication and cultural savvy.
-A commitment to social and economic justice
-Experience in journalism, research, interviewing, and/or publishing a plus.

Event Planner

This volunteer internship position is an opportunity to develop event-planning skills and promote left-wing politics.

Responsibilities:

-Helping organize YDS national conferences that bring together youth and student activists from across the country.
-Inviting key figures on the Left to speak at conferences.
-Working on location, outreach, and program related logistics.
-Coordinating with the YDS National Organizer and elected leadership to track conference progress.

-Optional work assisting local YDS chapters organize teach-ins, demonstrations, conferences and coalition events.
-Optional work assisting YDS National Organizer visit campus and communities across the country. Helping coordinate speaking gigs.

Qualifications:

-Prior event planning experience.
-Detail-oriented, flexible and enthusiastic learner.
-A commitment to social and economic justice
-Excellent written and verbal communication skills a plus.

Fundraiser / Grant-Writer*

This volunteer internship position is an opportunity to improve fundraising skills while helping build the Young Democratic Socialists. Money raised will help organize conferences, produce activist literature, promote speaking tours and develop other YDS projects.

Responsibilities:

-Fundraising from members of the Democratic Socialists of America.
-Raising money from progressive foundations, unions and other ally institutions.
-Brainstorming fundraising events and merchandizing of t-shirts, posters, etc.

Qualifications:

-Detail-oriented, flexible, and enthusiastic learner.
-A commitment to social and economic justice
-Prior fundraising and/or grant-writing experience a plus.
-Excellent written and verbal communication skills a plus.



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