

Summer Serve

Deadline: March 21, 2025

Summer Serve is a partnership between students, Haverford College, public interest organizations, and the communities these organizations serve. A Summer Serve intern gains firsthand skills necessary for working in public service, while making a significant contribution to an organization. Following the summer internship, it is hoped that students will play an active role in furthering the partnerships Summer Serve seeks to develop. All students are encouraged to apply, with preference given to students on financial aid.

Summer Serve helps support rising sophomores, juniors and seniors in meaningful, paid summer internship in nonprofits and social service agencies throughout the greater Philadelphia area. An intern will work full-time 10-12 weeks during the months of June, July, and August. They will receive a stipend for their work. **The student needs to obtain a summer opportunity with a relevant organization.**

Internships through Summer Serve are expected to meet the following criteria. They should:

- Address a specific organizational and community need;
- Be challenging and stimulating; and
- Provide opportunities for learning and growth.

Submit the following by March 21, 2025:

1. You will upload #2, #3, and #4 in the online form.
2. Essay or cover letter no longer than 2 pages outlining your past relevant experiences and the purpose of the proposed internship
3. Resume
4. A signed letter or email confirmation from the organization with whom you will be working

Students need to reach out and apply to organizations of interest. Final award of the grant is contingent upon finding an appropriate internship.

History

Summer Serve was founded in 1993 by a group of young alumni/ae who work or volunteer in the nonprofit sector. In the spirit of The Marilou Allen Office of Service & Community Collaboration, Summer Serve values an education that links academic study with practical experience and service-based learning. Summer Serve believes that young people, when given the opportunity, can develop into leaders who will tackle our society's most pressing needs. We hope you will join us in the eighth year of a long and fruitful program.

Financial Support

Funding was generated primarily from the classes of 1994-2001. Other alumni and friends of the college have been encouraged to express their support. Summer Serve was one of the first projects to receive funding from the College's Haverford Foundation. Organizations are asked to contribute to the student's stipend.

Program Support/Past Projects:

- More than 50 young alumni/ae volunteers across the country;
- Summer Serve interns from previous years; and Numerous Haverford offices, led by Eighth Dimension, Office of Major Gifts and Projects, and Center for Career and Professional Advising
- District Attorney's Office, Montgomery County, PA
- Norris Square Neighborhood Project, Philadelphia, PA.
- Monument Lab, Philadelphia, PA.
- Girls, Inc. of Greater Philadelphia
- Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition, Warminster, PA.

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