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New York State Courts Announce Student Internships

Summer Internship Combines On-the-Job Experience and Training Workshops

NEW YORK—As part of the New York State Courts' ongoing efforts to promote civic participation and provide young people a firsthand opportunity to learn about the New York State Courts' important work—including the varied, rewarding career opportunities available in courts across the State—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, and Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina G. Richardson today proudly announce the second-year launch of the court system's Student Aide Summer Internship Program.

This interactive, paid internship offers high school students, recent high school graduates, and college students a chance to develop a concrete understanding of our government's Third Branch, with the interns gaining knowledge of New York's state court operations, the civil, family, and criminal justice systems, and the roles of the various professionals working in service of the courts' mission, among other court- and law-related topics.

In addition to the experience and knowledge gained from their job assignments, the interns benefit from training in computer, business writing, public speaking, negotiation, and other essential job skills. They also engage in a variety of enrichment activities, including court tours and panel presentations. This year's program will include a panel discussion on leadership with Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson, Judges Zayas, St. George and Richardson, and the New York State Courts' entire judicial leadership team.

“I am delighted to announce the second-year launch of this well-received and meaningful program. The New York State Courts’ student internships afford young people across our State a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience, under the guidance of veteran court professionals, and to develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for the judiciary’s vital role in our democracy—providing them a strong foundation as engaged and thoughtful citizens of the world,” said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas. “I strongly encourage high school students, recent high school graduates, and college students of all backgrounds from across the State who have an interest in the law and justice system to apply to the court system’s 2024 Student Aide Summer Internship Program.”

“This interactive program is a win-win for the students and for the court system. While the interns acquire important skills, knowledge, and experience, the New York State Courts gain from the interns’ youthful energy and fresh perspectives. The program serves both as a valuable recruitment and community outreach tool for the New York State Courts, enabling high-schoolers, recent graduates, and young job seekers to see firsthand the courts at work and explore various court career tracks, helping build bridges between young New Yorkers and their local courts,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George. “I am eager to welcome this year’s summer interns.”

“I cannot be more pleased as we enter the second year of this successful initiative, which gives high school through college students the chance to integrate classroom education with practical, relevant career experience and meet a wide variety of court professionals,” said Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Edwina G. Richardson, whose Office for Justice Initiatives oversees the internship program. “I would urge young people from all parts of the State to learn more about this enriching program and am looking forward to the receipt of this year’s applications.”

There are multiple internship opportunities available within the court system in courts and court offices throughout the State. **The internship program will run from July 8 through August 14, 2024.** Student Aide I Interns earn \$18 hourly. Candidates should have an interest in working in and learning about the justice system and/or legal profession. Students who are economically disadvantaged or come from underserved communities are encouraged to apply. **Applications must be postmarked or received by May 3, 2024.**

For more information about Student Aide I Internship Program opportunities, including the required qualifications and how to apply, go to <https://www.nycourts.gov/legacyPDFs/careers/statewide/1430.pdf>.

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