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Background

Washington Appleseed works to address social and economic problems in our state by developing new public policy initiatives, challenging unjust laws, and helping people better understand and fully exercise their rights. We believe that by engaging both volunteer lawyers and community partners in these efforts, we better identify systemic problems, outline potential solutions and achieve effective and lasting social change.

Position

The Summer Legal Fellow position is an excellent opportunity for law students to gain hands on experience working with Seattle's top law firms and learn more about important social justice issues. Fellows work with Appleseed project teams to develop systemic responses to pressing local and national issues. Fellows can expect to be involved in legal and community organizing, research and writing, factual investigation and to work with staff and volunteer attorneys as well as activists. Specific issue focus varies throughout the year, though general issues being addressed include housing, consumer protection, children's issues, public health/healthcare, juvenile justice, economic justice, educational reform, and corporate and government accountability.

Appleseed strives to provide all fellows with the opportunity to have a written piece published by the end of the fellowship. This position is 20 hours per week on a flexible schedule for a minimum of 10 weeks.

Qualifications and Requirements

Successful candidates are creative thinkers and self-starters with strong writing and organizational skills. The candidate's academic and/or employment record should demonstrate success in a fast-paced environment where multi-tasking and priority setting abilities were critical to success.

Interested candidates should submit cover letter and resume to Katie Mosehauer at Katie@WaAppleseed.org. Please note this is an unpaid fellowship, though Appleseed can work with candidates to receive school credit.

Additional information

Washington Appleseed's offices are located in downtown Seattle. For more information, please visit www.WaAppleseed.org.

Fellowship applications are due by February 6, 2015. Positions will be awarded by the end of February.