



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Communications Internship

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) is currently seeking an intern to assist with communications, public relations, social media and advocacy matters. The intern will have an opportunity to learn about non-profit communications work with Congressional offices and the broader Head Start community and to participate in grass-roots efforts to advocate for strong early childhood experiences for children in poverty.

NHSA is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that believes that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life if given the opportunity that Head Start offers to children and their families. It is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

The opportunity to succeed in school and in life, regardless of circumstances at birth, has been a core American value, and for over forty-five years the Head Start movement has fully embraced the challenge of delivering on that value and developing our nation's most vulnerable children and their families. With devastating increases in childhood poverty, it has become increasingly apparent that children and families need Head Start more than ever. NHSA's communications team supports the organization's efforts to expand the Head Start model to the most vulnerable children and families through strategic media relations and purposeful communications.

Application Information

The ideal candidate is a college student with an academic focus on communications, education or another relevant field. The applicant must possess strong writing, research and communications skills. They must be a team player, able to work in a fast-paced environment and possess a strong interest in NHSA's mission. Experience working with web design or social media is desirable.

The internship is intended to run for the second semester of the academic year, for approximately 10 hours per week. The internship is unpaid.

Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter detailing how applicant's experience provides a match for the requirements of the position, 2-3 page writing sample, and either two letters of recommendation or the names and phone numbers of at least two references. Information should be submitted to Emmalie Dropkin at edropkin@nhsa.org.

Funding or Academic Credit Options

Although this is an unpaid internship, many students arrange academic credit or financial stipends through their college or university or through corporate foundations' internship programs. Please let us know if you have such an arrangement available, and we will assist with whatever formalities are required.