

National Water Resources Association Government Affairs Summer Internship

Organization Description – The National Water Resources Association (NWRA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit federation of state water resources associations, regional associations, agricultural, and municipal water providers. Our members provide water and hydropower to approximately 50 million individuals, families, agricultural producers, and other businesses in a manner that supports communities, the economy, and the environment. NWRA works to preserve and promote the rights and interests of the states in their water resources, subject to interstate compacts and treaties. NWRA helps inform members of Congress as well as the general public about the importance, and national economic and societal benefits of water supply.

Internship Description – The NWRA Summer Internship Program is designed to provide participants with a variety of learning experiences. The internship provides a behind-the-scenes look at NWRA’s work with the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and provides insights into government relations, communications, and nonprofit management. It contains three core components; government relations, project management, and a research project.

Internship activities will consist of attending Congressional hearings, interacting with members of Congress and their staff alongside the NWRA Executive Vice President and other NWRA staff members. The internship also provides first-hand experience in project management and event planning of a major event, the NWRA Memorial Golf Tournament, which helps fund the NWRA Intern Program. Interns will also conduct a research project and present their findings during NWRA’s Western Water Seminar. Other activities will include database management, general office duties, research and writing reports on Congressional hearings and federal agency activities. The conclusion of the internship will be assisting with the NWRA Western Water Seminar and Memorial Golf Tournament held in Spokane, Washington August 4 – 7, 2020.

Qualifications – Candidates must be highly motivated and have an interest in water resources. Interns must have excellent writing skills and the ability to perform independently in a fast-paced environment. Organization, attention to detail, punctuality, and working in a timely manner are essential. Previous knowledge and experience working with Microsoft Excel and Word programs are preferred. If you share our vision, we welcome your application to join our team at NWRA.

Compensation – The NWRA Summer Internship Program is a paid position. The position is compensated at a total of \$5,000.00 pre tax for the duration of the internship. Interns are responsible for making their housing and travel arrangements to Washington, DC.

Expectations – The summer internship begins **June 8, 2020**, and ends **August 7, 2020**. To apply, please send your resume, a writing sample, and contact information for three references to Ian Lyle at ilyle@nwra.org by **April 10, 2020**.