

## **Advocacy Intern**

### **Position Available**

Maryland Hunger Solutions (MDHS), an initiative of the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), seeks a highly motivated and skilled individual to join Maryland Hunger Solutions as an Advocacy intern. Through advocacy, research, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance, public education and program monitoring, the intern will work with MDHS staff to protect and improve federal, state and local nutrition programs in the state of Maryland. This internship is currently designed to work remotely, requiring the use of online and phone communications.

### **Organizational Background**

FRAC works to improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of people struggling against poverty-related hunger in the United States through advocacy, partnerships, and by advancing bold and equitable policy solutions. In partnership with hundreds of national, state, and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations, and labor organizations, FRAC strives to build a nation in which all people have the nutritious food they need to lead healthy and productive lives.

Formed in 2007, Maryland Hunger Solutions is the leading Maryland non-profit working to reduce hunger and improve nutrition in the State of Maryland by improving participation and benefits in public nutrition and related programs. MDHS's focus is on using federal programs (e.g., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, sometimes referred to as food stamps, school breakfast and lunch, summer and afterschool nutrition programs, WIC and other programs) to reduce hunger and its adverse effects; to improve economic security, health and nutrition; and to strengthen community institutions.

### **Responsibilities**

The intern will support MDHS' work in Maryland to communicate with federal, state and local officials about the importance of nutrition programs and how they can be protected and improved. The intern will help engage community partners, academic and nutrition leaders, faith-based organizations and local agencies to amplify our advocacy messages; and will coordinate with partner organizations to execute innovative and targeted advocacy campaigns. The intern will also help share social media resources and investigate ways to utilize nutrition program clients to help communicate their stories. The successful candidate will also have an opportunity to assist in outreach activities and may have an opportunity to assist in research projects.

## **Skills and Qualifications**

- Minimum of 2 years college education.
- Good oral and written communications skills. Ability to present and speak in public.
- Detail-oriented planning and implementation skills.
- Willingness to work varied hours.
- Good organizational skills.
- Self-starter; ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; team orientation.
- Evidence of commitment to social justice; experience with SNAP/food stamp program a plus.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite products with ability to use Excel for data collection.
- Conversant in Spanish, a plus.
- Ability to travel around the state for meetings and events. (Must have own transportation; mileage will be reimbursed.)

## **Benefits**

This internship can either be done as a paid position, at the rate of \$15/hour, or done to meet course/program requirements for course credit.

## **Start Date**

The start and end dates of the internship are flexible; however, the ideal candidate will be available for a 10-week internship. Interns are expected to work at least 20 hours per week.

## **To Apply**

Click [here](#) to submit an email cover letter and resume, along with 2 references.

FRAC strongly encourages individuals with lived expertise who can contribute to the diversity of the organization and with a passion for social justice to apply.

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