

Alaska Conservation Foundation  
Conservation Internship Program (CIP)

**2024 Intern Job Description for The Alaska Center Education Fund**

**Job Title: Youth Leadership Intern**

**Organization Description**

The Alaska Center Education Fund educates and engages Alaskans of all ages to support clean air and water, build healthy and resilient communities, and raise an active voice for a strong democracy. We provide inspiring outdoor education for children, train and mentor youth organizers, and support nonpartisan civic engagement for young voters and unrepresented peoples in our electorate. The Alaska Center Education Fund is a sister organization to The Alaska Center, a 501(c)(4) organization that advocates on climate change, clean energy, and clean water, and elects leaders who champion these issues. Together, we are working to support a transition from our current extractive economy to a just, equitable, and sustainable one.

While our organization has deep conservation roots, we are working toward becoming an anti-racist organization: all board and staff are committed to racial justice and equity, understand the importance of centering the voices of Indigenous, Black, Brown, and frontline communities and leadership, and are actively implementing more inclusive policies, programs and practices.

**Position Description**

The Alaska Center Education Fund is seeking a dynamic, socially confident, and curious candidate to serve as a **Youth Leadership Intern**. The Youth Leadership Intern will work across our youth programs to engage young adults with meaningful leadership opportunities toward becoming compassionate stewards and advocates. The Intern will support our Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) program. AYEА is a youth-led leadership development program founded by six Alaskan teenagers in 1998. Today, AYEА engages teens from rural and urban communities, delivering high-quality training and skill-building, community organizing, and action opportunities. Our vision is to create a statewide movement of diverse young Alaskans who have the skills, connections, and inspiration to effectively advocate for our communities and environment.

During the summer CIP internship, the Youth Leadership Intern will provide meaningful outdoor experiences for teens to build community and grow facilitation skills. They will support the summer projects of the AYEА Youth Organizers in their project goals and assist in implementing AYEА's 2024 goals. The Intern will also build connections between our Trailside Discovery Camp (TDC) program for children and families with next-step leadership opportunities in AYEА. The Intern will provide valuable capacity during a challenging year for young people, while working with a fun and supportive team at The Alaska Center Education Fund.

**Required Skills/Background:**

- Interest and alignment with The Alaska Center Education Fund's vision, mission, and programs
- Ability to effectively engage and communicate with Alaskan teens from diverse backgrounds
- Strong existing relationships with young people (ideally Alaskan youth)
- Experience supporting outdoor or environmental education activities/programs
- Commitment to racial justice and equity, and understanding of intersections between climate justice and racial justice
- Understanding of Alaska communities, environmental and social justice issues, cultures, and history--or a strong desire to learn and grow in these areas
- Ability to work effectively and productively in a remote setting--comfort and interest in using a variety of tech tools to advance the work (zoom, google suite, jamboards, etc)

The Alaska Center Education Fund is supporting a hybrid work environment for all of our staff this year and following COVID-19 protocols. The intern will have access to printing and materials at our Anchorage office when needed. All Alaska Center staff have access to professional development opportunities, including training and support. The Alaska Center Education Fund provides a supportive work environment. We are an equal opportunity employer. Employment and promotional opportunities are based upon individual capabilities and qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, veteran status, or any other protected characteristic as established under law.