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2025 Intern Job Description for AYEА Youth Leadership Intern

Job Title: AYEА Youth Leadership Intern

Location: Anchorage, AK

Dates: 12 weeks, flexible start and end dates between May 19th and September 30th, 2025

Organization Description

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) inspires and trains rural and urban Alaskan youth ages 13-18 to become leaders in the climate justice movement. AYEА provides high-quality leadership training opportunities and supports youth-led community action projects and campaigns on a variety of environmental justice issues. Youth in AYEА come from a diverse array of cultural, geographic, economic, and social backgrounds.

AYEA is a program of The Alaska Center Education Fund, whose mission is to educate and engage 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.

Position Description

The Alaska Center Education Fund is seeking a dynamic, socially confident, and curious candidate to serve as our 2025 **AYEA Youth Leadership Intern**. The Youth Leadership Intern will work to support the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) program by assisting with outreach, summer trainings, helping local AYEА chapters work on their campaign and project goals, and providing support with planning and executing AYEА's fall Youth Organizer Summit. Additionally, the Youth Leadership Intern will assist as needed with some of The Alaska Center's other programs to build additional skills in advocacy and leadership. This may include: tabling and outreach at various summer events representing AYEА and The Alaska Center, representing AYEА at Trailside Discovery Camp and/or assisting with leadership trainings for Trailside participants, and helping with The Alaska Center's advocacy work around democracy, climate and clean energy, and salmon.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Participate in trainings and discussions about youth leadership, community organizing, climate justice, and advocacy to build your own skills and knowledge in these areas
- Serve as an assistant trainer and mentor at summer trainings for AYEA participants
- With the support of your supervisor, develop and lead at least one training for AYEA youth
- Attend meetings or events of the Anchorage AYEA chapter and, with the support of your supervisor, assist the teen members in working towards their project and campaign goals
- With the support of your supervisor, learn about grassroots fundraising by assisting with planning and outreach for AYEA's summer fundraiser
- Depending on start and end dates of the internship, assist with logistical planning and execution for the 2025 AYEA Youth Organizer (YO) Summit
- Assist as needed with other programs at The Alaska Center Education Fund

Intern Qualifications:

- Interest and alignment with The Alaska Center Education Fund's vision, mission, and programs
- Some familiarity with community organizing, and/or environmental education and youth programming, either as a participant or in a leadership role - or strong desire to learn
- Ability to effectively engage and communicate with Alaskan teens from diverse backgrounds
- 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 hybrid setting - comfort and interest in using a variety of tech tools to advance the work (zoom, google suite, etc.).
- Strong existing relationships with young people, ideally Alaskan youth; a preference will be given to Alaskan applicants or those with family or cultural ties to Alaska

Compensation: \$20/hour for up to 32 hours/week over the 12 week internship. You will be paid as an hourly employee of The Alaska Center Education Fund and will also be eligible for the travel stipends provided by the Alaska Conservation Foundation.

Housing and Transportation Considerations: This internship is based in Anchorage, AK.* Anchorage is the largest city in Alaska, but as a city of a little over 200,000, is very suburban compared to most larger cities in the rest of the U.S. Interns are responsible for their own housing, transportation, and personal costs during the internship. However, depending on the dates of the internship, The Alaska Center Education Fund (AKCEF) is able to offer interns a discounted shared-housing option in Anchorage with other AKCEF seasonal staff. The AKCEF office is located on a bus route.

*Note that with another AYEA staff member based in Fairbanks, AK, a Fairbanks-based internship would be considered for the right candidate who already had their own housing and transportation in Fairbanks.

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