

Job Notice: California Labor Federation Campaign Communications Interns

Duration: One or Two Semesters
Stipend: \$2500 per semester
Deadline for Applications: December 30, 2009
Start Date: Mid-January 2010

The California Labor Federation seeks two paid, part-time interns to join our communications team working on special projects related to 2010 legislative and political campaigns and events. Interns will assist on Labor Federation special projects and initiatives to deliver internal and external communications to a range of audiences including affiliated unions, union members, the general public, opinion leaders and others as part of the 2010 legislative and political campaigns. As part of the communications team, the interns will be on the front lines in the fight to advance labor's legislative and political agenda, and will play a key role in helping with the Federation's efforts to enhance its communication to students and young workers.

The internship requires a minimum of 12 hours per week to explore and be part of the dynamic new labor movement while developing specific communications skills. A modest stipend is offered, and course credit may apply. One internship will be based in Sacramento and one in Oakland.

Special project/campaign duties include:

- Assisting with rapid response as part of the Federation's 2010 political campaign;
- Blogging for Federation blog and other progressive blogs, and assisting with managing and editing the Federation blog;
- Assisting with the coordination and updating of our website;
- Helping to manage Federation's social networking presence related to campaigns;
- Research on political candidates and issues;
- Campaign/election/GOTV assistance (office and field) as needed
- Monitoring campaign press coverage of unions;
- Assisting with outreach to reporters on campaign events and actions;
- Helping to stage events, conventions and press conferences;
- Working on video projects and slideshows for events, campaigns and conferences;
- Assisting with the production of flyers and background materials;
- Helping to develop and distribute updates and newsletters to unions and members
- Data entry and general office work, as needed

Qualifications:

The interns should be effective communicators with knowledge of the California political landscape and a deep interest in addressing issues affecting working people. Those pursuing majors in journalism, communications, political science or related fields of study are preferred. Previous experience with unions, progressive organizations, student labor coalitions, political campaigns or community organizations allied with labor is a plus, but not a requirement.

People of color, bilingual applicants, and women are encouraged to apply.

Please send a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications for the position, a resume, and a writing sample (1000 words max) by December 30 to Steve Smith, Director of Communications, at ssmith@calaborfed.org or 1127 11th St. #425, Sacramento, CA 95814