

SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sullivan County Positions

The Youth Economic Group is a multicultural group of high school aged students who work cooperatively with a determination to create economic opportunities and alternatives. Members have a special commitment to social justice, and incorporate principles of fairness and environmental sustainability in their youth-run business: Bags for Justice. They design, produce, and market environmentally friendly tote bags and t-shirts.

There are several exciting internship options for people who care about working alongside young leaders in the community:

1. Youth Economic Group (YEG): Facilitating Meetings
2. YEG: Design Intern
3. YEG: Marketing Intern
4. YEG: Social Sciences, Development

For more information, call Juanita Sarmiento (YEG Coordinator) at 845-539-5069 or email rmmj.sarmi@gmail.com

FACILITATING YEG MEETINGS

The Youth Economic Group meets in shifts several times a week after school. The group checks in about their week to build community support, works on all aspects of the business from silk screen production to accounting, and discusses upcoming events and opportunities. On weekends, the members of the cooperative occasionally attend educational trips to sell their products.

It requires a team effort to bring 12 students together from three school districts (Monticello, Liberty, and Fallsburg). We need help with transportation to and from the meetings. The intern can use the RMM minivan. We also need people to act as mentors during the work sessions, and to help facilitate discussions so that they go smoothly.

This position requires:

- Available 2-3 afternoons a week from 2-6pm including transportation, or on occasional weekend days. We are still choosing days of the week to work during the school year, so let us know your availability too.
- Driver's license

DESIGN

YEG members create their own designs based on messages of justice and peace. Members need help at all stages of the design process, from conceptualizing how to put their message into an image to getting it precise enough for printing. We need help from visual artists, and from students adept at Adobe or other design software. Interns should be prepared to be patient, and have a willingness to guide a student through the artistic process without overpowering his or her original design. This is a great internship for someone looking to build their design portfolio to attract future clients.

This position requires:

- Available 1-3 afternoons per week (2pm – 6pm including transportation)
- Knowledge of Adobe, product photography, graphic design, or drawing skills
- Writing skills will be beneficial as well but not necessary
- Driver's license or ability to get to Liberty independently

MARKETING

A crucial part of any business is marketing. The marketing intern will gain great experience while helping the students maintain a sustainable youth cooperative. Basement Bags currently has a website with e-commerce capability, Facebook page, Instagram, and an email newsletter. The marketing intern will help the students develop strategies and materials, in addition to helping with day to day maintenance and sales pushes. While it may be more interesting and a little easier as an intern to work alongside YEG during their hours, for this position there is also an option to have a flexible schedule and work from campus, with occasional check ins with Juanita and YEG. This is a great internship for someone who may like to start their own business or work at another business or as a consultant.

This position requires:

- Available 1-3 afternoons per week (2pm – 6pm including transportation)
- Experience with social media and/or marketing principles
- Design and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter)
- Creating events (using software like EventBrite)
- Driver's license or ability to get to Liberty independently

SOCIAL SCIENCES: DEVELOPMENT

Help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of rural and migrant people across New York by helping to strengthen one of the leading rural non-profit organizations in the state. This is an opportunity to not only make a difference but also to develop direct skills while building up your resume!

Interns will have the opportunity to work directly on a social justice campaign that strengthens and promotes the mission of Rural & Migrant Ministry. This semester interns will have the chance to get involved in one or more of the following projects:

- Supporting special events happening around the state
- Organizing YEG members to attend relevant protests and rallies
- Outreach with local rural community

The position requires the following:

- Available during the weekdays, before 5pm
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- A detail-oriented person
- Strong writing and communication skills