High School Internship Openings for School Year 2021-2022:

Youth Sustainability Leadership Program, $13/hour

(Deadline to apply: Monday, September 6th, 2021)

Overview

The Baltimore Office of Sustainability, in partnership with Baltimore Beyond Plastic and the Baltimore Civic Fund, seeks to hire two Youth Sustainability Leadership interns to work 5 to 10 hours per week during the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of $13 per hour. Payment will be bi-weekly from the Baltimore Civic Fund. The program will be mostly virtual at least through the end of 2021, and may move to hybrid or in-person in 2022 if conditions permit.

Interns will report to the Youth Leadership Coordinator at the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and will work with three current interns on environmental and social justice issues, learning, spreading awareness, and developing projects as part of the Baltimore Beyond Plastic team (www.bmorebeyondplastic.org). Past projects have been around anti-plastics legislation, youth environmental education, arts and activism, and providing resources to people experiencing homelessness and hardship. Interns can expect to work with all sorts of people and communities.

Intern duties include:

- Meeting weekly with the team and the Youth Leadership Coordinator
- Researching and writing reflections, presentations, and policy memos on environmental and social justice issues
- Helping to develop new ideas and initiatives for the group to take on
- Participating in meetings and conferences with individuals and groups doing related work
- Providing programming and outreach to other students
- Performing basic administrative tasks
- Participating in outdoor experiences (e.g., clean-ups, canoeing, tree plantings, hiking)
- Additional tasks as assigned

Requirements

- Must be a current Baltimore City Public Schools high school student
- Must have own phone and email and be able to check and respond to email regularly

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Must be comfortable with basic computer skills (Microsoft Office, Google Drive, etc.)
Ability to work some flexible hours, including evenings and weekends
Interest and comfort in working with teachers, peers, and volunteers
Excellent oral and written communication skills
A high level of organization, motivation, and enthusiasm

Preferences

To reach as wide a range of students as possible, we are aiming to create a team of five interns from five different Baltimore City Public Schools. Our current team members attend Baltimore City College, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and Reginald F. Lewis High School. Students attending different schools are especially encouraged to apply.
Prior involvement or demonstrated interest in issues related to sustainability, including the environment, economy, social justice, policy, and/or community organizing is strongly preferred. Examples include:
  o Membership on a school Green Team or other environmental club
  o Participating in service programs
  o Participating in Student Government Associations
  o Volunteering or working with issue campaigns or election campaigns

Compensation: $13/hour. No benefits are provided.

Commitment: Interns will be expected to work between 5 and 10 hours per week from October 2021 to June 2022.

Location: The location of the position is flexible, with meetings currently virtual via Zoom. Regular in-person meetings, if they resume in 2022, will be held downtown at 417 E. Fayette Street, with other activities held at other sites around the city.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to bmorebeyondplastic@gmail.com by Monday, September 6th, 2021. Selected applicants will be contacted to interview with the current intern team.