San Diego Hunger Coalition Policy/Advocacy Internship

Spring 2023

Our Organization:
San Diego Hunger Coalition (SDHC or Hunger Coalition) leads coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County, supported by research, education, and advocacy. SDHC is committed to strengthening the network of local food assistance resources in San Diego County to end hunger in our region. Nearly 1,000,000 (1 in 3) San Diego County residents are food insecure, meaning they do not have enough food for an active, healthy life.

The Hunger Coalition facilitates the Hunger Free Activists (HFA), a community of more than 250 residents and community based organizations coming together to end hunger through local, state and federal policy.

Internship Description:
This exciting internship opportunity will provide students with hands-on experience in nonprofit policy and advocacy work at the grassroots, state, and federal levels. Working directly with San Diego Hunger Coalition’s Public Affairs Manager, the intern will learn how to monitor and track legislation and turn that information into legislative updates for diverse audiences. They will also have the opportunity to support the development and implementation of a county-wide awareness and political engagement strategy by supporting SDHC’s annual policy agenda setting process. This internship will include scheduling legislative visits with our local, state, and federal elected office, creating a social media toolkit highlighting the power of food assistance programs, and building awareness of our work on social media and other media outlets.

Responsibilities may include:
- Monitoring state and federal legislative & policy developments regarding hunger, poverty, and nutrition;
- Providing support for advocacy regarding SDHC legislative and budget priorities;
- Coordinating meetings with elected officials, residents and community based organizations throughout San Diego County.
- Drafting content for external communications, including an emails and social media platforms, including
  - Developing social media toolkit to support individuals and organizations to engage in raising awareness about hunger and food assistance resources in their communities;
- Other duties as requested.

Required Qualifications:
- Interest in advocacy and public policy.
- Interest in addressing poverty and hunger.
- Quick learner, proactive, and positive attitude.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong research skills.
• Ability to multitask and pay attention to details.
• Comfortable working independently and as part of a team.
• Ability to respond to rapidly changing circumstances, work calmly under pressure, and manage time.
• Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Canva, Dropbox.
• Understanding of the California legislative process and political climate and/or knowledge of food insecurity and federally-funded nutrition programs is a plus.

Minimum Requirements for an Internship with San Diego Hunger Coalition:

• Must be available for a minimum of 12 hours per week, between the hours of 9:00am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
• Exact start and end dates flexible, but internship generally runs from early January through mid-May.

Compensation:

This is an unpaid internship for school credit or resume building.

For More Information or To Apply:

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and a brief academic writing sample to info@sdhunger.org. No calls, please.