Spend your summer interning in Washington, D.C. on the Hill!

In 2009, Northern Illinois University established an annual summer congressional internship program in Washington, D.C. This highly competitive program provides students with the opportunity to live, learn, and work in the heart of our nation’s capital. Four students will intern on the Hill for a member of the Illinois congressional delegation. Each student will receive a $6,000 scholarship to cover the cost of housing and some living expenses. Additionally, students will receive a tuition waiver for six (6) credit hours of political science courses.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**How long will I be in Washington, D.C.?**
The program runs from late May through early August 2014.

**Where will I live?**
The NIU interns will live in housing provided by George Washington University. George Washington University is located in the center of Washington, D.C., just a short train ride from the Capitol and directly on the Metro. Each student will live in a double room with a private bath and kitchen. The cost of housing (approximately $3,500) will be covered by the $6,000 scholarship and will be paid directly by NIU. The remaining money will cover additional living expenses, course fees, and travel to and from Washington, D.C.

**What will my work schedule be?**
Students’ work schedules will be determined by the individual congressional office. However, students can expect to work 40-plus hours per week. The internship will be a demanding but rewarding experience.

**What courses will I take?**
Students will be required to enroll in POLS 490: Internship in Political Science and POLS 496: Independent Study in Political Science. Tuition will be waived for these courses. For more information on the academic requirements of the program, contact Dr. Matt Streb, Chair of the Department of Political Science (mstreb@niu.edu).

**When is the application deadline?**
All applications must be received by Friday, November 1st at 4:30 p.m. Applications can be obtained from the Department of Political Science webpage (http://polisci.niu.edu/polisci/) or Ms. Kim Wilson (kwilson8@niu.edu).
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, D.C. SUMMER CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:_________________________ Z-ID:_________________________

E-mail address:________________ Phone #:______________________

NIU GPA: _____

Expected Graduation (e.g., Spring 2014): _____

Major: ________________________ Hometown:____________________

Please list any academic honors you have received (use additional pages if necessary):
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Please list any extracurricular activities in which you have participated, including political involvement (use additional pages if necessary):
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Please list your employment history, including dates (use additional pages if necessary):
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Do you have a problem working for a member of Congress who does not share your political philosophy? (There is not a correct answer to this question. We are simply trying to provide you with the best possible placement should you be chosen for the internship.)

YES NO
On a separate sheet of paper, please type a one-page, single-spaced essay on what you hope to achieve by completing a congressional internship in Washington, D.C.

On a separate sheet of paper, please type a one-page, single-spaced essay on one (1) of the following questions:

- Do you support or oppose requiring citizens to show photo identification in order to vote?
- Do you support or oppose granting amnesty to people who are in the country illegally?
- Do you support or oppose repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act?
- Do you support or oppose increasing federal spending to try to improve the economy?
- Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against Syria to signal disapproval of the Syrian government’s use of chemical weapons?

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from a faculty member at NIU. The letters should address not only your academic achievements, but your character as well. Letters should be sent under separate cover to:

Dr. Matt Streb  
c/o Ms. Kim Wilson  
Department of Political Science  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL 60115

The application deadline is: **November 1, 2013**

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