



## WYA NORTH AMERICA ONLINE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP

Thank you for your interest in WYA North America's online internship! Below you will find information that introduces you to the World Youth Alliance, the work of the North America region, and some of the primary responsibilities and opportunities included in the internship.

### *A brief history of WYA*

In 1999, the World Youth Alliance was founded in New York City at the United Nations. At a conference on Population and Development, thirty-two young people were brought into the negotiations and given the floor. They stated that they represented all three billion of the world's youth and demanded the following: abortion as a human right, sexual rights for children, and a deletion of parents' rights. At a conference convened to discuss the needs of the world's people, basic needs including access to clean water, sanitation, education, nutrition, health care, and employment were not addressed. As a reaction of conscience, Anna Halpine and a few others went back into the assembly the next morning and distributed flyers, which stated that these young people did not represent all the youth of the world. She called for a discussion on topics addressing basic human rights and necessities. The statement was well-received by many delegations, and they asked her to maintain a permanent presence at the United Nations, as well as to work with young people from the delegates' countries.

Since then, WYA has expanded to six regions worldwide. In 2010 WYA welcomed the establishment of the WYA Foundation, and in 2012 an outgrowth of WYA, the FEMM Foundation, was launched. Amidst this growth, the work of WYA has come to encompass not only advocacy work at international organizations such as the UN and the EU, but also the education of young people in the philosophy of the dignity of the person and the hosting of cultural programs and events, in which this dignity is expressed, shared, and developed.

### *WYA North America (WYANA)*

Since the beginning of WYA, the North America region has shared an office with the WYA Foundation and Headquarters. Alongside the founder, in a tiny office and workspace up in northern Manhattan, the region launched as home to the

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headquarters of WYA. With direct access to the United Nations as well as key contacts within Delegations and Missions to the United Nations, the region of North America plays a vital role for its members in advocating on behalf of young people around the world for human dignity, integral development, and solidarity. Currently, the focus for the region is in chapter growth through high school and university campuses and membership development. The North America region hosts the Annual International Summer Camp as well as an annual training program entitled "Drinks and Discussion," which aims to bring in young professionals in the New York area to become familiar with readings from our WYA Certified Training Program.

### ***Internship Details***

#### **Expectations**

Interns should always strive to raise the standard of work at WYA. As WYA is an organization composed entirely of young people, a great deal of maturity and professionalism is expected from all interns. A successful intern is one who:

1. represents WYA in an accurate and professional manner
2. manages projects to successful completion
3. fulfills clerical and administrative duties
4. actively communicates with supervisor and colleagues

#### **Projects**

All interns will work under a direct supervisor that will assign and manage projects and responsibilities. Projects may include organizing online events, researching potential partnerships, FEMM training (optional), online fundraising, and other tasks as assigned by the supervisor. Despite the online format of the internship, interns have the opportunity to collaborate with other members of the WYA NA team and develop lasting relationships.

#### **Membership Drive**

All interns will be responsible for helping with member recruitment. The supervisor will work with interns to develop a target number of new members.

#### **Certified Training Program**

All interns who are not already certified WYA members will undergo online

CTP training discussions led by a WYA staff member. At the beginning of the internship, interns will be given a schedule for the training discussions, and the supervisor will provide submission deadlines for the quizzes and essay questions. More info on the CTP can be found [here](#). Depending on the grade achieved in the CTP, interns may be invited to undergo the Training of Trainers, which qualifies them to lead a CTP in the future.

### **Advocacy Academy**

Interns who have completed the CTP prior to beginning the internship may be invited to participate in the [Advocacy Academy](#).

### **Blog posts**

All interns will be asked to write two blog posts for the WYA website during the internship.

### **Office Hours**

Regular office hours for full-time interns are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM local time, but these may be adjusted at the approval of the supervisor. Office hours of part-time interns vary depending on their internship category and list of projects, but they generally average around 12 hours per week.

### **Unpaid Internship**

Unfortunately, WYA cannot provide stipends to online interns.