

I want another shot at this internship opportunity to get my foot further through the door. I had the same internship last year, but I feel like I got little out of it besides a résumé piece. I learned a lot about the environment and the people who make the Capitol run, but I never really took the next step to figure out how that experience could connect to my future. This time, I plan to change that. I want to explore options that could lead to a career while still fulfilling all my intern responsibilities. After my internship last year, I felt more lost than ever and completely unprepared for the real world. That's not the case anymore. I've had time to reflect on what I could have done differently, and now I'm determined to make this second chance count.

I'm clawing back for another opportunity at the desk job I woke up for twice a week, not just to do the same work, but to do it better and with purpose. I want to build on what I learned from last years' experience while also marketing myself in the Capitol, since I'm graduating next fall. I met a lot of people last year, but this time I have real goals and a clearer sense of direction. The only thing hanging over me now is the approaching cloud of adulthood, and I'm ready to face it. Working with Aaron Crossley again would give him a familiar and reliable face he can count on for nearly anything. We'd both be comfortable knowing who's on the other side of the door. Unlike the new interns, I can sit down and get to work on day one without needing introductions or training.