

My name is Elaina Elder and I am a Sophomore at the University of Missouri. I am studying Public Administration, with the intent to minor in Political Science. I am seeking this internship to grow my knowledge of how our state government functions and I have a lot of interest in how those big decisions actually impact communities, for instance the small town of Potosi where I am from. In my career I hope to work in a field of public policy and public service, and I have aspirations to attend law school after obtaining my bachelor's degree. While in high school I had the opportunity of an internship with our local prosecuting attorney in Potosi, Missouri. I was fortunate enough to sit and observe live circuit court cases, which was very beneficial to my knowledge on courts at the city level. I feel that this internship would be a great opportunity for me as well, and for my growth as a student and as a future public servant. I would be so grateful to have the honor to work alongside state legislatures and grow professionally and gain connections with new people to make the most out of the experience. If I was chosen for this internship I would bring an open-mindedness that oftentimes leads to more efficient decision making. I would be predictable and someone that can be trusted to work hard on given tasks.. I would also love to build my knowledge on research based learning, which is why I know this would be the perfect fit for me. Research will also help me to learn more about myself, my interests, and what part of government I am best fit to work in. Overall, I know that if given this opportunity I would gain very much personal growth and development to become the best public administrator that I am capable of being in my future. I appreciate your consideration as a contender for this internship and I look forward to this opportunity if I am a fitting constituent.