

I have chosen to apply to the Civic Leaders Internship Program because I want to deepen my understanding of how public policy is shaped and implemented. I believe this opportunity will challenge me academically and personally. As a first-generation college student at the University of Missouri who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science, I am eager to be a part of and experience the real-world impact of public service in Missouri.

Working in legislative or executive offices would allow me to see firsthand policy priorities evolve from ideas to actionable programs that benefit citizens. Through my academic and extracurricular activities, I have developed strong vital skills, such as my ability to collaborate with others and adapt to new challenges efficiently. Additionally, being the first in my family to attend college has taught me so much and instilled a strong sense of perseverance, responsibility, and commitment.

This internship opportunity represents more than a professional opportunity, but a chance to contribute to something impactful and meaningful. I hope to be able to apply my dedication and curiosity to support Missouri leaders who are committed to public service. In the long term, I hope to become an immigration lawyer, advocating for individuals and families navigating complex legal systems. Serving in offices will allow me to observe how policy decisions affect communities and shape the lives of residents.

Overall, this experience will provide insight into the connection between law, policy, and public service. By participating in the CLIP Program, I hope to gain the perspective, experience, and leadership skills necessary to advocate effectively for families and individuals in the future. I am confident this program will provide me with the foundation I need to pursue a career as a lawyer and make a positive impact through public service.