

Personal Statement

I am seeking internship mainly for two reason to gain experience and to use that experience to help me narrow down what career I want to pursue specifically. I currently have found myself interested a couple things which include law, government processes, public policy, and sustainability. I have had the pleasure of having two internships that have mainly delt with the legal field, but one of my internships gave me a glimpse into municipal government and some minor policymaking, so I feel like CLIP can give me the opportunity to dive deeper into the government and policy side of things. I also have had the opportunity to serve on a Youth Advisory Council for a state senator in Illinois which has peaked my interet more in policymaking. I feel like I am a little ahead of most sophomores my age because I have had two really good internship opportunities and I have taken a variety of classes and performed well in them. When it comes to skills and talents I feel like I am very hard working because I don't like to let anyone down so I always put 100% into everything that I do. I also find myself being able to balance being an academic, but still a fun and sociable person. I have always prided myself in having good grades, but being able to have fun still is a rare skill in what I havae experienced. In the field of government and policy I feel like it is very important to have people skills and be socialable because public image is a big thing. I often find that within my major that I have a difficult time talking to students who are VERY academic because they don't have the greatest soft and personable skills. In short I believe that I have the drive, passion, strong foundation, knowledge, and personality to excel in an internship. These internships will help me decide what I am going to do for the rest of my life and also help me as I continue my education and professional career. I am currently in the process of applying for the Kinder DC Scholars

program and I believe that gaining some experiences at the state level will help me if I get the opportunity to work at the federal level. This will also serve as great comparison for the future.