

**SPEND THE SUMMER OF 2010 MAKING NORTH CAROLINA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE**

# Democracy Summer

*If you are an undergraduate college student at a North Carolina school, you can apply for Democracy Summer 2010. This unique 2-month internship for outstanding young leaders is sponsored by Democracy North Carolina each year.*



**Commitment**



**Leadership**



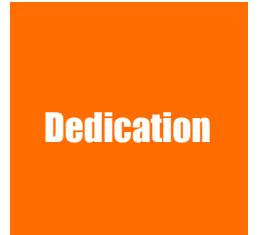
**Passion**



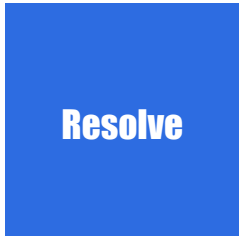
**Initiative**



**Dedication**



**Resolve**



**Enthusiasm**



## **Work on the frontline of democracy, empowering people and shaping public policies.**

Each summer, Democracy North Carolina hires ten outstanding college students to help us pursue our ultimate goal of creating a state government of the people, for the people and by the people of North Carolina.

Our Democracy Summer interns are typically placed in 2-person teams in an area where they have family or community ties. They work under the direction of an experienced field organizer, engaging in a variety of activities that help us build our base, empower people to take part in the political process or promote state policies that give priority to the public interest over special interests. See the flip side of this flyer for examples on what past interns have done.

In 2010, teams will work in Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greenville and Winston-Salem. Interns receive a \$2,300 stipend and work from the last week of May through the end of July.

This internship is real. If you are hired for Democracy Summer, expect to work hard for two months, including many evening and weekend hours. Expect to have new challenges to tackle daily and to find yourself in situations that stretch your comfort zone. Expect to test your abilities, learn continuously, work independently—and finish the summer stronger and more experienced than when you started the program.

Your reward is worth the work. You will be part of a team that supports your initiative and applauds your efforts. You will meet many new people in your community and develop relationships that will serve you well as you start your career. You will learn how political influence in North Carolina is won and, most of all, you will discover your true potential and pinpoint what you want for the future.

## DEMOCRACY SUMMER 2010

**The exact role of Democracy Summer interns changes each year and depends on Democracy North Carolina's current priorities and initiatives.**



### What to Expect

Democracy Summer begins with a 3-day training retreat on voting rights, election law, money in politics, political activism techniques and interpersonal skills critical to community organizing. Once in your base city, you promote policies that give voters ownership over elections and engage citizens in civic activities. You may visit the General Assembly and meet legislators, educate others about the political process, teach people social-change tactics and assist in research projects. In doing so, you will:

- ◆ Engage in public speaking presentations in front of a range of audiences;
- ◆ Conduct media outreach, including TV and radio interviews;
- ◆ Organize meetings with civic and community leaders.
- ◆ Participate in other activities tailored to your community.

The exact focus of Democracy Summer 2010 depends on the current political climate and our goals. To give you an idea of how this focus can vary, here's a look at what some Democracy Summer teams in the past accomplished:

**Our Democracy Summer 2009** students advocated for publicly financed elections and stronger voter rights for

young people in North Carolina. As part of the effort, they talked with thousands of voters, presented to over 40 organizations, made media appearances and met face-to-face with elected officials. They also organized house parties to educate new supporters about Democracy North Carolina's work and generated hundreds of contacts to legislators in support of reform legislation.

**Democracy Summer 2008** focused on non-partisan Get Out the Vote efforts for the Presidential elections. Student organizers worked with local boards of elections to advocate for more early voting sites and extending early voting hours in needed locations, canvassed door-to-door and called new voters to answer questions about the process, planned rallies and forums, mobilized students and educated formerly incarcerated individuals about their voting rights.

**Democracy Summer 2007** was a big year for reform legislation in North Carolina. Students mobilized over 2,000 supporters to help pass new public financing laws and landmark Same Day Voter Registration legislation that allows citizens to register and vote on the same day during the early voting period.

### HOW TO APPLY

We start accepting applications on November 1. Your completed application, cover letter and resume should be emailed to [ashleyfoxx@democracy-nc.org](mailto:ashleyfoxx@democracy-nc.org) or mailed to Democracy Summer Program, 1821 Green Street, Durham, NC 27705-4114.

### KEY DATES

November 1: First day you can apply  
March 5: Final day to apply  
March 8-17: Phone interviews conducted  
March 20 or 27: Second round interviews conducted in Durham, NC  
March 30: Offers extended  
May 26-28: Mandatory 3-day training session  
July 30: Democracy Summer ends

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Democracy Summer is ideal for students considering careers in public service, politics, a non-profit field or community-based work. All students currently enrolled in an NC college or university are eligible to apply.

### QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal applicant will have a commitment to social and economic justice, be able to communicate with diverse groups of people, have a general understanding of politics and possess strong public speaking skills.

Women and people of color are encouraged to apply.

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit [www.democracy-nc.org](http://www.democracy-nc.org) for more information on the program, additional accomplishments of past Democracy Summer teams, a downloadable application and other information.

If you would like recruiting materials for your school, please contact Ashley Foxx at [ashleyfoxx@democracy-nc.org](mailto:ashleyfoxx@democracy-nc.org) or call 919-286-6000, Ext. 18.



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