



WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (WLP) SUMMER 2022

The Washington Leadership Program invites college students to apply to our Summer 2022 internship program in Washington, DC. The WLP is a national non-profit organization that is developing the next generation of leaders from the South Asian American community. Our program takes promising college students and places them in a Congressional office or federal government agency for an eight-week summer internship accompanied by a structured leadership curriculum.

Over nearly two decades, the WLP has given over 200 South Asian American students the opportunity to intern in Washington, DC. In addition to the internship, participants attend meetings and events to fully expose them to the range of public service careers in Washington, DC. Past events have included meetings with South Asian American elected officials and public servants, discussions with policy experts, and networking opportunities. Each WLP class is also required to complete a class project providing value to the South Asian community.

The WLP program will run from June 11, 2022 – August 5, 2022. Orientation will be conducted June 11-12 and the internship will run June 13 – August 5. All undergraduate students who are either US citizens or legal permanent residents are encouraged to apply. Selection to the WLP is highly competitive and not limited to students pursuing political or social science majors. The backgrounds of past participants have ranged from pre-med to art history and social work. Interns will receive a stipend of \$2,000 and will be required to complete writing assignments and attend events approximately two evenings per week during the internship. **The deadline to apply for the WLP is January 9, 2022.** Finalists will be contacted for an online interview and all applicants will be notified of final selections in February 2022. Should you have any questions or would like further information about the program, please contact us at wlp@thewlp.com.

Washington Leadership Program (WLP) Application Summer 2022 (June 11, 2022 – August 5, 2022)

Application Deadline: Midnight PST on **January 9, 2022.**

Part I: Biographical Data

Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Citizenship Status: **(ONLY U.S. CITIZENS OR U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENTS MAY APPLY)**

U.S. Citizen

U.S. Permanent Resident

Part II. Contact Information

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Part III: Education

Undergraduate Institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Year in school:

First Second Third Fourth Other (specify) _____

Degree: _____

Major/Concentration: _____

Minor (if applicable): _____

Expected graduation date (month/year): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Note: You may submit an unofficial transcript to give additional context

Part IV: Public Policy Interest Areas/Political Affiliation:

Note: This information will not affect your selection into the program but will with help placement in appropriate offices.

Which political party do you affiliate yourself with?

Republican Democrat Independent/Other

None

Office Placement Preference:

Congressional Office Government Agency Either

List the legislative areas you are most interested in (select up to 3):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Part V: Letter of Recommendation

Please provide one letter of recommendation by an individual (other than a family member) who is qualified to speak to your leadership potential and interest in public service. The signed letter of reference must be on official letterhead and sent via PDF electronically to wlp@thewlp.com from your recommender's official e-mail address.

Part VI: Resume

Please submit a one-page resume as a PDF that outlines your educational background, honors or recognitions, professional experience. Be sure to include leadership experience in work, campus or volunteer activities. For accepted applicants, your resume will be used in the internship placement process and shared with potential internship offices.

Part VII: Essays

Please submit responses to BOTH essay questions listed below. Each response should be approximately 300 words. Each essay should fit on a single page and include your full name.

1. How would you use the WLP experience to further your goals for 1) yourself and 2) your campus or community?
2. Provide an example of how identity has influenced your perspective on civic engagement.

Part VIII: Additional Information

Have you interned on Capitol Hill or with a government agency before? Yes / No

If yes, what office did you work for and when? _____

Have you applied for this program before? Yes / No

How did you learn about the program? _____

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be submitted online by midnight PST on **January 9, 2022**.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions? E-mail wlp@thewlp.com.

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REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To whom it may concern:

_____ has applied for the Summer 2022 Washington Leadership Program (WLP), an organization committed to developing future public service leaders from the South Asian community.

The letter of recommendation you provide for this applicant will help us better evaluate the applicant's potential as a WLP intern in a Congressional office or federal government agency. This information should include the capacity in which you know the applicant, the applicant's disposition and ability to work with others; leadership ability and potential, and any other information, which will help establish a comprehensive view of the applicant.

Please send your signed letter of reference on official letterhead via PDF electronically to wlp@thewlp.com from your official e-mail. When sending this e-mail, please include the student's name in the subject line.

Recommendation letters **MUST** be emailed by **January 9, 2022**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Thank you for agreeing to support this student.

Questions? E-mail wlp@thewlp.com.