

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
2026 Spring Semester Legal Internship Opportunity



Position Available

The [DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice](#) (“DC Appleseed”) seeks a part-time legal policy intern for Spring 2026. Students interested in policy and advocacy work are encouraged to apply. We are especially interested in candidates who are passionate about or interested in one of our project areas.

Organization Description

DC Appleseed makes the District of Columbia a better place to live and work through advocacy, policy, oversight, strategic partnerships, and litigation. For over 30 years, DC Appleseed has focused on issues that touch nearly every aspect of public life in the District, particularly issues impacting historically marginalized people who live and work in the nation’s capital. Our projects revolve around at least one of our three foundational pillars: Racial Equity, Economic Mobility, and Democracy & DC Autonomy.

Current project topics include health equity (sexual and reproductive health, behavioral health, and environmental justice/climate change mitigation), democracy and DC autonomy, gun violence reduction, and workforce development related to the long term care workforce.

Position Responsibilities

Project assignments are based on the organization’s needs and the intern's interests. Depending on the topic and timeline of a particular project, the intern’s responsibilities may include:

- Conducting legal and/or policy research and writing memoranda summarizing findings;
- Identifying and researching best practices (either legislative, regulatory, or policy positions) that other jurisdictions have successfully implemented to address problems that our project teams are considering;
- Attending and reporting on community outreach efforts and various public meetings and hearings;
- Assisting in preparing legislative briefing materials, one-pagers, and hearing testimony;
- Attending and participating in coalition meetings with other District stakeholders;
- Attending and participating in project team meetings with pro bono partners; and
- Other legal and policy work as needed.

Position Logistics:

- DC Appleseed is currently in a hybrid work format, working remotely on Mondays and Fridays and in the office Tuesday–Thursday.
 - Office: 1900 L Street NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20036
- Ideally, the candidate will work 15-20 hours a week, with at least one day or a portion of one day in the office. Hours can be flexible between 9 AM and 6 PM.
- The start and end dates are flexible based on the school semester schedule and course requirements, but a roughly 10 —12-week commitment is requested.
- Flexibility for holidays and school breaks.

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Qualifications:

- Current enrollment in a JD program.
- The student must receive course credit or outside public interest funding for the position.
- Strong research and writing skills, including excellent analytical, oral, and written communications skills.
- Experience or interest working in one of DC Appleseed's project areas.
- Experience or interest in a research, advocacy, or policymaking environment.
- Agility and ability to pivot in response to current events and revised priorities.
- Flexibility, creativity, and initiative, along with excellent organizational, planning, and project management skills.

Compensation & Benefits

This position is unpaid and not eligible for benefits, but DC Appleseed will work with the candidate to secure academic credit and/or public interest funding for their work with us.

How To Apply

Please email a cover letter and resume to Jobs@DCAppleseed.org. Please put "[Name] – Spring 2026 Legal Policy Internship" in the subject line.

- Cover letters can be addressed to Kristin D. Ewing, Policy Counsel and Director of Experiential Learning.
- In the cover letter, please include:
 - The rough number of hours you wish to work per week;
 - Weekly availability (if known at this time); and
 - An estimated preferred start and end date.

Selected candidates will be invited for an interview and may be asked to provide a writing sample or references. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

DC Appleseed values a diverse workforce. We encourage and seek applications from people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, people of color, people with disabilities, and veterans.

We know from research that members of marginalized groups often underestimate their qualifications and are hesitant to apply for positions unless they are a 100% match. If you are interested in policy and advocacy and enthusiastic about any of DC Appleseed's projects, please apply, even if you do not meet all the qualifications.

Reasonable Accommodations

If you require reasonable accommodations during any part of the hiring process, please email Jobs@DCAppleseed.org.