

Say Yes Buffalo Internship Opportunity

Position: Community Engagement Intern

Organization Name: Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper

Location: 721 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Website: www.bnwaterkeeper.org

Organization Profile: Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper® protects and restores our water and surrounding ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. We protect clean water. We restore the health of ecosystems. We connect people to water. We inspire economic growth and community engagement.

Community Engagement interns will work with staff on various projects that involve working closely with the local community. Projects include Waterkeeper's River Tour Program, Restore Corps Program, Monthly Waterway Cleanups, Volunteer Ambassador Program, Young Environmental Leaders Program and more!

Minimum Requirements:

- Say Yes scholar or recent Say Yes graduate – must be at least a rising Sophomore
- Ability to talk comfortably with general public
- Comfortable working outdoors, especially around water
- Interest in learning kayaking skills (will be taught basics) and ability to help carry kayaks and gear
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of local water quality issues
- Interest in sampling local waterways for basic water quality parameters

Learning Outcomes:

- Intern will develop communication skills and learn to work with a team of volunteers
- Intern will gain knowledge of WNY water quality issues and solutions
- Intern will gain experience planning community cleanup events
- Intern will gain paddling experience and knowledge of local waterways
- Intern will gain experience in outdoor/experiential education for a high school audience
- Intern will gain experience sampling water using high tech equipment

Availability: Interns are expected to work an average of 20 hours a week. **Saturday morning availability is a must.** Internship schedules can be tailored for the individual, but some events will have required attendance – exact start and end dates will be decided upon by the employer and hired intern.

Compensation: \$11.10 per hour for 20 hours per week.

Accommodations: The Say Yes Internship Program is committed to providing equal access to individuals with disabilities, including physical access to programs and reasonable accommodations for interns.

To apply: Submit resume and cover letter to buffalointernships@sayyestoeducation.org. **Please note:** If necessary, Say Yes staff may send you edits or suggestions regarding your cover letter and/or resume. In order to submit your materials by the deadline, please ensure that you check your email and reply promptly.

Deadline: May 1, 2019