League of Women Voters of Maine

maine students vote

Sponsor a High School Intern

Internships in voter engagement, voter education, and youth voter outreach are available.

High School interns have participated in research for our <u>Vote411.org</u> voter guide, conducted voter registration training, spoken on panels, and written and delivered testimony in front of the Maine legislature. They've created and presented workshops, organized and promoted events, and facilitated group discussions.

High School interns work a minimum of five hours per week during their semester, an average of twelve weeks. The internship is primarily remote, although some opportunities for in-person work may arise. During this time, they have the opportunity to own important pieces of projects, as well as learn about and contribute to the full range of the work of a busy nonprofit. Typically interns will work closely with one of our program staff, who will train and supervise their work. Interns also

participate in cohort activities with each other and college student interns.

High school interns also participate in the LWVME Youth Council. The members themselves run the Youth Council and determine how best to engage their peers to become lifelong voters and participate in other activities that strengthen our democracy. They take action on issues of interest and share opportunities to get involved that go well beyond voting.

We believe that it is important to compensate our interns for their work, and to keep the program accessible to students who might not otherwise be able to afford it. We pay interns a stipend of \$15/hr and reimburse any travel expenses.

Cost per each additional High School internship: - Wages \$15/hr x 5hr/wk x 12 weeks \$900 - Supervision by LWVME staff After the first intern, each additional intern means an extra hour of supervision per week - TOTAL \$1,175



To sponsor a high school intern,

please make checks payable to LWVME Education Fund (PO Box 18187, Portland ME 04112) or contribute online at lwvme.org/donate.

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