Youth Advisory Leader Internship – School Meals for All Coalition

Location: Remote, Oregon

**Position Type:** Paid Internship, Part-Time (up to 20 hours per month), starting approximately September 2nd 2024 through April 1st 2025.

**Compensation:** $20 per hour during the project period, up to a total of 20 hours per month.

**Age Range:** 16-18 years old

**Overview:**

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon is seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to shape the future of school meals in Oregon and serve as the School Meals for All (SMFA) Coalition’s Youth Advisory Leader. This individual will play a vital role in collaborating with the SMFA coalition and providing key insights on school meals across the state of Oregon. As the Youth Advisory Leader, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with the SMFA coalition, advocate for equitable access to nutritious meals, and engage with communities across the state to learn more about school meals and the legislative process.

**Responsibilities:**

**Participation in Meetings:** Attend Steering Committee meetings with the School Meals for All Coalition and provide feedback on key issues impacting student hunger in the state including the policy and the campaign process.

**Provide Input and Feedback:** Offer valuable insights, perspectives, and feedback on various aspects of the school meals program, including menu options, nutritional standards, accessibility, and inclusivity.

**Advocacy and Outreach:** Serve as an ambassador for the School Meals for All Coalition by advocating for equitable access to nutritious meals for all students. Participate in
outreach activities, events, and campaigns to raise awareness and mobilize support. This can be done virtually and directly within the local community.

**Collaboration:** Collaborate with the SMFA Steering Committee on key coalition roles, support the overall coalition goals, and connect directly with coalition partners.

**Research and Analysis:** Conduct research and analysis on best practices, policies, and innovations in school nutrition and food justice to inform decision-making and program development.

**Community Engagement:** Engage with peers, fellow students, and community members to gather input, solicit feedback, and amplify the voices of youth in shaping the school meals program.

**Qualifications:**

- Passion for advocating for food justice, nutrition equity, and the well-being of youth.
- Demonstrated commitment to community service, activism, or social justice initiatives.
- Strong communication skills, including the ability to articulate ideas, engage with diverse audiences, and collaborate effectively.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a dynamic and fast-paced environment.
- Availability to commit to approximately 20 hours per month for committee meetings, activities, training, supervision, and outreach efforts.

**Benefits:**

- Professional development and networking opportunities within the field of youth advocacy, nutrition, and public health.
- Flexible scheduling to accommodate school and other commitments.
- Stipend of $20 per hour for time spent on campaign-related activities.

**Application Instructions:**

To apply for this internship, please submit a resume, along with a brief statement (250) describing your interest in serving as a Youth Advisory Leader for the School Meals for All Coalition. Applications can be emailed to charlie@oregonhunger.org with the subject line "Youth Advisory Leader Application - [Your Name]." Deadline for applications is September 2nd 2024.