

## **College of Liberal Arts Leadership in Social Change Awards 2009**

**Description:** Three to four awards of up to \$5,000 each will be granted to students of junior or senior class standing who 1) have made arrangements to intern with a social change non-profit organization with a cultural, social, or economically liberal or progressive mission and, 2) will return to campus as a student for at least 2 terms and apply their newfound knowledge to campus issues. Typically, \$4,000 is awarded for the internship period and \$1,000 is provided as a scholarship upon completion of award requirements. Students usually arrange for a summer or fall internship. *All awards are dependent upon the availability of funds at the time of the award.*

The awards committee is looking for three to four students with a passion for, and commitment to, obtaining leadership skills for social change. Students selected for this award will demonstrate a commitment to inclusion, social change, justice, equal opportunity, and equity.

**Placement:** Internship placement must be with a social change organization such as the Center for Community Change, the Coalition for Responsible Philanthropy, Planned Parenthood, Southern Poverty Law Center, Jimmy Carter Center, World Hemispheric Council, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Oregon Food Share, NOW, etc. The organizations primary purpose should be to address the root causes of social and economic inequality, oppression, and injustice through community organizing, advocacy, legislative action, community development, legislative analysis, and/or communications. This award is NOT for educational, clinical, or social service internships that focus on immediate needs. It is the responsibility of the student to identify and secure the internship placement and to provide the award committee with a position description. The committee prefers applications with a regional, national or international scope, although students have occasionally been granted awards to work in local communities.

**Requirements:** Students applying for this award must be students with their major in the College of Liberal Arts or an active member of ASOSU. Students accepting this award must register for a minimum of six internship credits and work a minimum of 30 hours a week for at least eight weeks during the summer or fall of 2008. The students' academic department will determine the amount of internship credit and the type of academic work required for the internship.

Selected students must return to campus in subsequent terms and participate in a collegiate organization that can utilize the skills and knowledge obtained during the internship. In this way, students can then contribute back to the OSU community. Students' are also required to organize and make a presentation about their internship experience upon return to the University.

**Application Process:** The application process consists of two steps: 1) initial applications and screening to develop a finalist pool and 2) interviews of finalists, review of internship plans, and solicitation of faculty recommendations.

The initial application includes:

- 1) Biographical information (application form) and a statement of ideals (answers to questions),
- 2) An unofficial copy of your current transcript,
- 3) A brief description of organization(s) identified for the potential internship including a brief description of the internship position,
- 4) A resume,
- 5) A list of three academic references (names, contact numbers and email addresses).

Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2009 and contacted for interviews by email or phone. Finalists will be asked to provide confirmation of the internship placement at the time of the interview.

**Due Date:** Preliminary applications are due in the office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (207 Gilkey Hall) by 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2009. Finalists will be notified by March 31, 2009 and scheduled for an interview prior to April 17, 2009. Final award decisions will be made before May 1, 2009. If a selected student does not have a confirmed placement, or for some other reason is unable to commit to and carry out their internship, another finalist will be selected for the award.

Questions or comments regarding this award should be directed to:

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College of Liberal Arts  
**Leadership in Social Change Award**  
*Application Form*  
2009

Your application consists of five parts:

- 1) a complete application form and answers to the questions listed below,
- 2) an unofficial copy of your current transcript,
- 3) description of the nonprofit organization(s) and internship job descriptions under consideration,
- 4) your resume, and
- 5) three academic references (name, phone, and email).

Name:

Student ID number:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Major(s):

Class Standing:

Minor(s):

Previous volunteer involvement including date, organization, and job title:

**Please answer the following questions ( on a separate paper) and attach your answers to the application form. The combined responses should not exceed two single-spaced pages (i.e. ½ page per question, or approximately 300 words.)**

- 1) What are your ideals for humanity or for an ideal society? What have you already done to contribute to this ideal? What would you like to change in this world?
- 2) How would this internship support your educational, career and life goals?
- 3) List three learning objectives (skills and knowledge you expect to learn) from your internship.
- 4) How do you see yourself influencing individuals, groups, organizations, or institutions after you complete this internship?