



National  
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**Internship Program**

1446 Duke Street | Alexandria, Virginia 22314

# National Right to Life's Internship Program Trains Tomorrow's Pro-Life Leaders

Internships with National Right to Life provide college students from around the country the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the pro-life movement at the national level. Interns quickly become part of the departmental staff and become invaluable to the day-to-day operations. Additionally, interns may be assigned projects by department directors to complete throughout the summer.

Each week, NRLC staff examine the issues the pro-life movement faces, including current legislation, how to deal with the media, the pro-life advantage in elections, and more. These "one-on-one" sessions with NRLC's professional staff allow interns to get the most out of their summer experience.

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In addition, interns can attend the annual National Right to Life Convention. They help the Convention run smoothly, and are able to attend the workshops and general sessions which provide a great opportunity to learn from the most knowledgeable people in the pro-life movement.

Learning about the pro-life movement and the hands-on experience NRLC provides are only part of our internship program. Interns often form long-lasting friendships and make invaluable connections while at NRLC.

Our central location in Old Town Alexandria, just adjacent to DC, also provides interns the opportunity to see some of the sights of the nation's Capital.

# Internships at a glance . . .

## NRLC Departments

Though not all departments are available every summer or semester, the following generally host interns.

- Administration
- Communications/Media
- Development (Fundraising)
- Education
- Federal Legislation
- Financial Services
- Information Technology
- Political Action Committee
- State Legislation

## Application Process

To apply for an internship, simply complete the application found in this brochure, indicate your department preference and return it, along with a resume, to National Right to Life.

There are also two reference forms to have completed by individuals whom you think could describe your professional and personal qualities and send it to NRLC.

## Housing

Housing *is not provided* by National Right to Life. It is each intern's responsibility to secure their own housing before arrival.

## Length of Internship

Summer internships generally run eight or ten weeks beginning in late May or early June and ending in July or August. Exceptions can be made under special circumstances (school schedule, family obligations, etc.). Semester internships vary depending on student's schedule and/or academic program.

## Living Expenses

Interns are provided a modest hourly wage.

## College Credit

In the past, some interns have received college credit for their internships through academic programs at their college or university. Some schools also offer a "Semester in Washington" for which you can receive credit. Check with your advisor, department chair, or Dean's office for more information on programs they may offer.



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# National RIGHT TO LIFE Internship Application

I am applying for:    Fall Semester 20\_\_\_\_    Spring Semester 20\_\_\_\_    Summer 20\_\_\_\_

Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Present Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_Until (date)\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

School Information:

Name of College or University\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Year in School\_\_\_\_\_ Major\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.\_\_\_\_\_

*Please include a copy of your resume along with this application and your answers to the essay questions on the next page.*

Please answer the following questions and email your answers with this application:

1. Describe all of your pro-life activities and experience.
  2. Describe other experience (not related to pro-life activities) you have. Include any political, educational, journalistic or church-related activities which you think are important.
  3. Is there anything else you would like us to know that might be helpful in our selection process?
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Do you plan to be involved in the pro-life movement in the future? Please indicate which of the following describes your possible involvement.

\_\_\_\_ Pro-Life Volunteer Work

\_\_\_\_ Staff Position in the Pro-Life movement

\_\_\_\_ Leadership position in the Pro-Life movement

Please rank your department preference. This will help us to place you if you are selected. (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc.). Please note that not all departments are available every year. Descriptions of each department are located in this brochure.

\_\_\_\_ Administration

\_\_\_\_ Financial Services

\_\_\_\_ Communications

\_\_\_\_ Information Technology

\_\_\_\_ Development (Fundraising)

\_\_\_\_ Political Action Committee

\_\_\_\_ Education

\_\_\_\_ State Legislation

\_\_\_\_ Federal Legislation

\_\_\_\_ I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY

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### Personal References

Please have the attached Reference Forms completed by individuals whom you think could describe your professional and personal qualities. People involved in the pro-life movement, though not required, would be helpful. Reference Forms should be mailed directly to National Right to Life.



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## National RIGHT TO LIFE Internship Applicant - Personal Reference Form

Applicant should complete this section:

Applicant Name\_\_\_\_\_

Applying for: Fall 20\_\_\_\_ Summer 20\_\_\_\_ Spring 20\_\_\_\_

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable)\_\_\_\_\_ Position\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship with the applicant?\_\_\_\_\_

If given the opportunity, would you hire him/her to work for you?\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate letter addressing the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Please also describe how you feel the applicant has shown a commitment to the pro-life movement. Any other comments and observations are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking time to complete this Reference Form. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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# National RIGHT TO LIFE: an overview

Founded in 1968, National Right to Life is the nation's oldest and largest national pro-life group. National Right to Life works to protect innocent human life threatened by abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia, and embryo-killing research. National Right to Life is a non-partisan, non-sectarian federation of 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters. National Right to Life is governed by a representative board of directors with a delegate from each state affiliate, as well as nine directors elected at-large.

**Abortion:** Abortion stops a beating heart nearly 2,500 times a day. National Right to Life works to educate Americans on the facts of fetal development and the truth about abortion; works to enact legislation protecting unborn children and providing abortion alternatives in Congress and state legislatures; and supports activities which help women choose life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

**Infanticide:** National Right to Life works to protect newborn and young children whose lives are threatened and who are discriminated against simply because they have a disability.

**Euthanasia:** NRL speaks out against efforts by the pro-death movement to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia. National Right to Life also makes available to individuals the Will to Live, a pro-life alternative to the living will.

National Right to Life works to restore protection for human life through the work of:

- the **National Right to Life Committee (NRLC)**, which provides leadership, communications, organizational lobbying and legislative work on both the federal and state levels.
- the **National Right to Life Political Action Committee (NRL PAC)**, founded in 1980 and the nation's largest non-partisan, pro-life political action committee, which works to elect, on the state and federal level, officials who respect democracy's most precious right, the right to life.
- the **National Right to Life Victory Fund**, an independent expenditure political action committee founded in 2012 with the express purpose of electing a pro-life president and electing pro-life majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.
- the **National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund**, and the **National Right to Life Educational Foundation, Inc.** which prepare and distribute a wide range of educational materials and advertisements.
- various outreach efforts to groups affected by society's lack of respect for human life: the disability rights community; the post-abortion community; the Hispanic and African-American communities; the community of faith; and the Roe generation – young people who are missing brothers, sisters, classmates and friends.
- **National Right to Life NEWS** – NRLC's digital newspaper, and its daily online companion, National Right to Life News Today, is the pro-life news source of record providing a variety of news stories and commentaries about right-to-life issues in Washington and around the country.
- the National Right to Life website, **[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)**, which provides visitors the latest, most up-to-date information affecting the pro-life movement, as well as the most extensive online library of resource materials on the life issues.



# Departments

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## Administration

Guided by extensive research, polling data and analysis, the administrative staff integrates and coordinates all NRLC programs and projects in Washington and throughout the nation to maximize the benefit of every dollar spent in pro-life work.

## Communications

The Communications Department responds quickly and accurately to events and media requests for interviews and information; sends out regular mailings to hundreds of key national media contacts; and distributes resources for use by state affiliates and local chapters. It also develops and produces high-quality print and radio advertisements for distribution to national, regional and local media. *Pro-Life Perspective*, NRLC's daily radio program, produced by Communications has aired more than 10,000 programs on approximately 150 stations nationwide.

## Development

**Major Gifts:** The Major Gifts Development Department communicates with the major donors of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) and the National Right to Life Education Trust Fund (NRLETF) and works to secure funding for NRLC and NRLETF projects.

**Membership Development:** The Membership Development Department works to increase the membership of the National Right to Life Committee. This department also coordinates membership fundraising efforts and analyzes their effectiveness.

## Education

The National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund, the primary educational resource for the right-to-life community, provides a broad range of educational publications, products, programs and services. The NRL Educational Trust Fund provides low-cost, high-quality products such as fetal models, books, pamphlets, videos, school booklets and special reports. It also conducts educational campaigns in the media using print ads and radio spots.

## Federal Legislation

The NRLC Federal Legislative Department plays the key role in passing pro-life federal legislation, such as the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and preventing the passage of pro-abortion legislation, as well as keeping in place a number of pro-life policies in Congress. NRLC's professional team of lobbyists drafts legislation, compiles congressional voting records, analyzes proposed legislation, arranges for expert testimony for congressional hearings, issues legislative alerts, mobilizes grassroots lobbyists, and works with members of Congress.

## Financial Services

The Financial Services Department manages NRLC's financial information systems, evaluates and interprets operations and safeguards NRLC's assets.

## Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) department leads NRLC and its affiliates into tomorrow in the fight to preserve respect for all human life. IT exists to facilitate NRLC's utilization of current informational trends while simultaneously preparing for future needs. IT's responsibilities cover data and voice concerns from hardware difficulties, software assistance and data processing to maintaining NRLC's homepage on the world wide web ([www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)).

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## Political Action

NRL PAC and NRL Victory Fund combined are the nation's largest pro-life political action committee and is the political arm of the NRLC. The PAC and Victory Fund assist pro-life candidates with educational, tactical and financial support, and efforts with state pro-life leaders on behalf of candidates. The PAC and Victory Fund also educate voters on the need to vote for candidates who respect life. Polls show that when it comes to abortion, more Americans vote pro-life than vote pro-abortion. This gives a significant, often winning, edge to pro-life candidates in a close race. The PAC and Victory Fund have the professional expertise to maximize this advantage.

## State Legislation

The NRLC State Legislative Department works closely with its 50 state affiliates and a network of volunteers to pass pro-life legislation and defeat pro-death legislation within the state legislatures. Members of the staff draft state laws; interpret and evaluate state legislation; lobby for and against state legislation; and assist state groups in their state legislative strategies. Among the laws produced and promoted by NRLC's state legislative department are laws to protect unborn children and vulnerable people at all stages of life. The department has recently assisted in passing laws protecting unborn babies when they are capable of feeling pain, laws requiring informed consent prior to an abortion, providing mothers the opportunity to view an ultrasound of her unborn child before having an abortion, and securing parental involvement before a minor girl undergoes abortion.



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