

Summer Academy Internship



We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated interns with a sincere interest in working with at-risk youth to facilitate educational development and remediation. Applicants should have upstanding moral character, basic understanding of computers, working online, and adequate personal transportation. An intern needs to be a person who wants to make a difference in the lives of young men and women by helping them achieve academic success.

Agency Mission

- *Save Our Youth (SOY) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, dedicated to transforming the lives of at-risk youth through mentor relationships, that provide the skills for success in educational, emotional, and spiritual development.*
- SOY provides a Summer Academy to remediate students in language arts and math. Energy and motivation of the staff and the intern team are essential to the success of the Summer Academies.

Job Description

Summer interns are key to the success of each academy. Their emotional and spiritual engagement and involvement set the tone for how much students will accomplish. Interns report to the Academy Site manager in their administration of the Academy in the following areas:

- Oversight of the online software
- Track student's progress and attendance
- Assist students in math and language arts
- Oversight of all program logistics
- Provide classroom management
- Spiritual and emotional development of the students

Paid Internship

Summer Academy Internship is a paid position; interns will receive a stipend for each Academy they help to oversee.

In addition to the stipend, interns may raise extra funds through SOY. SOY will coach the Intern through the fundraising process.

- Funds raised will be donated to Save Our Youth, noting the intern for which they were donated.
- Funds raised will be added to the intern's paycheck, less income taxes withheld.

Application Steps

- Complete application
- Send resume & cover letter to keith@saveouryouth.org
- Provide 3 references (two non-family members)
- Complete Interview with SOY staff
- Complete personal background check



Responsibilities

- Attend mandatory intern training for team building, program logistics and cultural training
- Work in teams of 3-6 interns per academy to oversee the online curriculum in math and language arts, while assisting students to work in a self-paced, computer based learning program
- Participate in weekly debrief sessions to brainstorm, plan and trouble shoot the Summer Academy
- Develop and lead motivational talks and life skill and enrichment activities
- Coach a small group of students through the Summer Academy

Academy Logistics

- 20-30 interns oversee 8-10 Academies throughout the Denver metro area
- Academies are approximately 5 weeks long, interns have the option of overseeing one or two academies
- SOY Summer Academies use online educational software.
- Academies run from 8am-2pm, Monday to Friday
- Student spends 3-4 hours on the academic recovery skills daily
- Real Essentials Curriculum is used for Life skills enrichment

Benefits

- Interns will make a major impact on the academic lives of low-income, at-risk youth that have a 40-70% dropout rate.
- When an at-risk student graduates from high school, their self-esteem improves immediately, their income potential drastically increases and they become a positive model for peers, siblings and community.
- Interns will learn about the major sociological and psychological issues confronted by low-income individuals and families; issues that shape and often debilitate their lives.
- Interns will hear from local experienced urban ministry professionals as they address the cultural nuances of urban youth culture.
- Interns will experience the contrast between middle-class and lower-class cultures.
- Interns will make a lifetime impact on the lives of low-income, at-risk youth.
- Interns will be presented with relevant media to better understand the plight of the urban poor.
- Interns will learn practical tools in counseling to effectively communicate with youth served.
- Interns will learn practical skills in:
 - ◆ The non-profit world
 - ◆ Classroom management
 - ◆ Leadership development
 - ◆ One-on-one mentoring
 - ◆ Academic remediation