

Executive Intern – Youth Programs
Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State

The Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State is seeking an **Executive Intern** with a passion for civic engagement and an interest in youth education to work with Connecticut Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas and her team on youth-focused projects and programs. **This is a unique position that gives one student the opportunity to directly support Secretary Thomas.** The ideal duration for this internship is **June 2026 through May 2027**, but a shorter internship period may be available for the right candidate.

The unpaid internship is conducted out of the Executive Offices in the State Office Building in Hartford and supervised by the Connecticut Secretary of the State and the Director of Outreach and Engagement. **A hybrid schedule may be available for exceptional candidates who are unable to come into the office for part or all of the internship period.** Students have the option to receive credit for the internship by consulting with their advisors and internship directors.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Assist in the creation and execution of civic education programs for students, including leading the VOICE CT (Voicing Our Ideas for Civic Engagement in CT) program for high school students
- Identify and engage with schools and youth organizations to increase civic engagement among young people in the state
- Support the development of resources for CT youth related to civic education and civic engagement
- Conduct research on best practices for youth engagement in civic education
- Help organize and lead events such as virtual meetings/town halls and service projects
- Other duties as assigned

Intern Qualifications/Skills:

- Experience with and/or interest in working with young people
- Experience creating social media graphics and videos
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Outstanding attention to detail
- Self-motivated, adaptable, and eager to learn in a fast-paced environment
- Willing to work on a variety of projects to support the work of the Secretary and the Executive team
- Understanding of professional office setting

Internship requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education
- Minimum GPA of 3.4
- Willing to work a minimum of 14 hours per week
- Able to work primarily in person over the summer
- Able to work in person or on a hybrid schedule during the school year (must be able to work at least one day per week in person during the school year)

Learning Objectives

- Gain valuable experience in designing youth-centered programming and supporting youth voices
- Hone leadership skills by heading programs and facilitating meetings and events
- Develop critical and creative thinking skills by contributing ideas directly to the Executive team
- Develop interpersonal skills by interacting with internal teams and external stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds and industries
- Learn about the functions and services of the Connecticut state government

To Apply:

Please download and complete the Internship Application, located here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Education/Internships/Internship-Opportunities>. Email the following to sots.internships@ct.gov:

- Completed Internship Application
- Resume
- Cover letter describing why you are interested in the position and highlighting relevant skills. **Please include your availability for this position, including whether you would be available for the full term of June 2026 – May 2027 or part of it, and if you would need a hybrid schedule for part or all of the internship.**
- Writing sample (can include past essays or other written projects – you do not need to create a new writing sample for this application)
- Academic transcript (or other document that includes your GPA)

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