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The New England Council Announces May Deadline for Scholarship Program

Regional Business Group to Help Capitol Hill Interns

BOSTON – The New England Council – the nation’s oldest regional business organization – today opened the application process for the 2007 Washington Summer Scholars Program. The program, now in its second year, provides a summer stipend for housing and expenses to undergraduate students who have secured positions to work as interns in the offices of members of the New England Congressional delegation.

Ten students – at least one from each New England state – will be selected. The students must demonstrate a commitment to the region and to public service. The deadline for applications for this year’s program is May 15, 2007.

“The future economy and quality of life in New England depends on the education of its youth. Beyond the classroom, internships provide a meaningful and practical learning experience which enhances the basic curriculum. The Washington Summer Scholars Award will help students as they work in D.C. and gain valuable exposure to the inner-workings of our federal government,” explained James T. Brett, president and CEO, The New England Council. “In the initial year of the program, we received a tremendous response and awarded the stipends to six students.”

The New England Council is an alliance of large and small companies, colleges and universities, nonprofit and other agencies dedicated to promoting economic development and a high quality of life in the six-state region. The Council works closely with the New England congressional delegation on federal issues and regional initiatives which have an impact on the regional economy.

Tom Samoluk, Vice President, Government Relations, John Hancock Financial Services, and member of the Council's Board of Directors, will again serve as the chairman of the Award Selection Committee.

"John Hancock is a longtime and proud member of The New England Council. Once again, I am pleased to be able to participate in this scholarship program. The Council has always been committed to furthering education excellence and this program is another way of demonstrating its importance to the region. Last year the Council selected an outstanding group of winners. We expect to have a similarly high caliber pool of applicants representing all of New England from which the winners will be chosen this year," commented Samoluk. "There is no better education for a student interested in government than to work in a congressional office. Once again, the Council will assist New England students learning about our government in Washington."

Applications are available on the Council's website:
www.newenglandcouncil.com.

"Once again, applicants will be evaluated for a demonstrated commitment to the region and to public service based on their essay as well as their overall academic performance. Candidates will also be selected based on extracurricular achievement and financial need will be taken into consideration," Samoluk explained.

Anyone who would like more information on the program can contact Julie Dawson at the Council's Washington office at (202) 547-0048 or by email: jdawson@newenglandcouncil.com. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2007.

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THE
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Washington Summer Scholars Award

2007 Application Form



The New England Council Washington Summer Scholars Award

The New England Council is an alliance of businesses, colleges and universities, non-profits and other organizations dedicated to promoting economic development and a high quality of life in the six-state region. The Council recognizes that the future of New England's economy depends largely on the education of its youth and that, beyond the classroom, work internships provide meaningful, participatory learning which serves to enhance basic academic foundations.

Committed to the region's next generation of leaders, the New England Council will award a summer stipend of \$2,000 for housing and expenses to ten selected undergraduate students who have obtained an internship in a New England delegation congressional office in order to gain valuable exposure to the inner-workings of our federal government. At least one candidate per New England state will be selected based on a demonstrated clear commitment to the region and public service, as well as academic and extracurricular achievement. Financial need will also be taken into consideration.

The following is a summary of information regarding the award benefits and requirements:

Stipend and Benefits

- Summer stipend of \$2,000 to cover housing and local expenses

Work Experience

- Participants will be asked to secure their own placement in a congressional office with the New England delegation

Application Deadline

- Application must be received or postmarked by May 15th (Earlier submission of application is encouraged)

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Copy of the applicant's current resume
- Copy of the applicant's undergraduate transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (At least one must be from a professor.)
- Proof of full-time internship (A letter from employer and contact information for verification purposes)
- One essay selected from the following three options:
 - 1) What does your state (or New England) mean to you?
 - 2) How have you served as a leader in your community?

- 3) In your opinion, what is the most important public policy issue facing your local, state or regional community today and what should be done to address it?

Qualifications for Candidates

- Must be a legal resident of a New England state; or
- Must be attending an accredited four year college or university in the six-state region
- Must have completed their sophomore year
- Demonstrate a clear commitment to their state/the region (Ex: involvement in community service and/or state programs)
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average
- Financial need will also be taken into consideration

Activities

- Participants will be invited to participate in hill events hosted by the New England Council and a luncheon with the Council's President & CEO Jim Brett

CHECK LIST:

- Completed application form
- Transcript
- Essay
- Resume
- Proof of Internship
- Two letters of recommendation

SEND MATERIALS TO:

The New England Council
Summer Stipend Award
331 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 15th

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**The New England Council Washington Summer Scholars Award
 2007 Application Form**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name	MI	Last Name

Place of Birth	Birth Date	Social Security Number

Permanent Street Address	City, State	Zip Code

School Street Address	City, State	Zip Code

Home Telephone	Mobile Telephone

Email Address	Alternate Email Address

I have been a legal resident of _____ since _____.

State
Length of Residency

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Circle One) Y N

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School	Location	Dates Attended	Relevant Coursework	GPA

Name of College/University	Location	Dates Attended	Major	GPA

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Name of Organization(s)	Position/Responsibilities

Honors/ Awards/ Interests

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

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Name of Internship

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Work Street Address

City, State

Zip Code

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Supervisor Name

Title

Telephone

Dates of Internship: _____ to _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

If applicable, please briefly explain on a separate piece of paper any financial circumstances, hardship or expenses that you think should be taken into consideration.

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ESSAY QUESTION

Choose one from the following essay options. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and be a minimum of 500 words.

1. What does your state (or New England) mean to you?
2. How have you served as a leader in your community?
3. In your opinion, what is the most important public policy issue facing your local, state or regional community today and what should be done to address it?

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

I hereby attest that the information given above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give my permission to the New England Council to contact my internship supervisor for verification purposes. I understand that my academic and personal information will be treated as private and confidential.

Signature

Date