

# YOUNG APPALACHIAN STORY SUMMIT



MY VOICE.  
OUR PLACE.

A STORIED LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
FOR YOUNG APPALACHIANS

## INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING CENTER INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

### OBJECTIVE:

The Young Appalachian Story Summit internship provides an excellent opportunity to apply organizational, community-building, and social justice skills to a professional work environment and gain valuable hands-on experience, primarily within the areas of communications and event planning.

### PROFILE:

The **International Storytelling Center (ISC)** is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of all people around the world through the power of storytelling. ISC provides the experiences, knowledge, and tools necessary to inspire and empower individuals and families, organizations and institutions, and communities and cultures around the nation and the world to use storytelling to create positive change.

The organization is headquartered in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

The **Young Appalachian Story Summit** is an event produced by the International Storytelling Center. The event focuses on a critical issue: **how youth can use storytelling as a leadership tool to shape Appalachia's future**. The Summit aims to give voice to the diverse communities within Appalachia; to help young people understand how to take action in their own communities; and to facilitate a network of like-minded young Appalachians to collaborate with beyond the event.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

In addition to receiving hands-on experience in developing programming and promotional plans for the Young Appalachian Story Summit, interns will interact with a variety of professionals including ISC staff and the organization's community of artists, partners, donors, and volunteers to create a platform of diversity and equality for raising the voices of young people in Appalachia.

***Internship projects may include:***

**Summit Programming** – A significant aspect of internship responsibilities will focus on shaping the Summit’s programming from a young, Appalachian perspective. This may include helping to brainstorm and select event speakers, workshop leaders, and networking events.

**Public Relations** – Internship responsibilities will include working closely with the ISC Communications Coordinator to create and respond to traditional and social media interest regarding the Young Appalachian Story Summit.

**Research, Planning, and Analyzing** – Interns will be responsible for applying thoughtful and emerging Appalachian research to the program development aspects of the event.

**EXPECTATIONS**

The candidate will have an interest in social justice and applied storytelling and possess the following:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to communicate effectively across diverse audiences
- Research skills
- Developed organizational skills
- Demonstrated proficiency in social media networking
- Experience in project management
- Technical proficiency with standard workplace technology including the Microsoft suite of applications (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.)

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**DETAILS:**

**Salary:** \$10.00/hour

**Hours:** 20 hours/week (Times are negotiable; Monday - Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

**Dates:** June 3- August 5, 2019

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to [Rachel@storytellingcenter.net](mailto:Rachel@storytellingcenter.net).