



**California Youth Connection  
Bay Area Policy Internship Opportunities  
Academic Year 2013-2014**

**Organization Description**

California Youth Connection (CYC) is a statewide non-profit organization based in San Francisco that provides a vehicle for California foster youth to learn leadership and advocacy skills and to engage directly with policymakers to improve the foster care system. Founded in 1988, by a group of foster youth and supportive adults, every year, CYC serves more than 300 members, ages 14-24, through 32 county-based chapters throughout California.

**Internship Program Overview**

As a Policy Intern at CYC, you'll join a diverse group of individuals from a variety of schools and areas of study for the program. Some highlights of our internship program include:

- Training to provide quality policy organizing technical assistance to youth
- Developing leadership and career-building skills unique to foster care policy reform as well as skills that transfer to a wide-range of other job sectors
- Opportunity to work independently and as part of a dynamic team in a highly visible and fast-paced non-profit organization

**Criteria for Interns**

- Current or former foster youth currently pursuing a higher education degree in the Bay Area
- Strong interest in developing leadership and public speaking skills
- Comfortable in groups
- Ability to travel to Bay Area chapters (expenses paid by CYC)

**Project Description**

**Chapter Local Policy Issue Project**

Each intern will be responsible for providing technical assistance to one Bay Area chapter as well as additional duties to support the work of California Youth Connection.

Since CYC was established, countless important foster care policies have been developed and implemented on a county level through the organizing efforts of our chapters. CYC Regional Coordinators make every effort to provide quality, ongoing, and comprehensive technical assistance tailored to the unique culture of each chapter. However, with only two staff offering this level of support in the Bay Area, chapters

need increased guidance to ensure members and supporters have the tools and resources necessary to move local issue policy campaigns forward. With the assistance of interns, the capacity of CYC's support to Bay Area chapters will be expanded and enable chapters to develop and carry out more effective local policy issue campaigns.

**Project activities will include:**

- Working out of Statewide Office in San Francisco 1-2 days a week
- Attending bi-weekly evening chapter meetings
- Working with the Regional Coordinator to support local policy work of chapters
- Facilitating activities at chapter meetings
- Coordinating local policy sub-committee work
- Performing reminder calls/emails to chapter members and supporters
- Performing administrative tasks such as typing and distributing chapter agendas and meeting notes
- Participating in weekly check-ins with the Regional Coordinator

**Location:** CYC Statewide Office, San Francisco, CA

**Internship Duration:** 9 months- October 2013 - June 2014, depending on availability of student

**Stipend:** \$3,500

**How to Apply:**

**Deadline:** Saturday, September 7, 2013

Please forward resume, 3 references, and cover letter to Kate Teague at [kate@calyouthconn.org](mailto:kate@calyouthconn.org)

**Interviews:** Interviews will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Questions:**

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