



**State Representative Pat Fallon
District Internship & Legislative Leadership Council
2016-2017 School Year**

Representative Pat Fallon invites all high school students currently enrolled in the 9th - 11th grades who reside in Denton County to apply for the 2016-2017 District Internship Program and/or Legislative Leadership Council. These programs are designed to engage students in state government activity, from public policy development to community service.

District Internship Program

A handful of interns will be selected by a community advisory board to join a group of returning interns who served during the 2015-2016 school year. Students selected for the program may serve for up to two consecutive years if they choose to do so.

Advantages of the program include:

- Experience in a fully functioning legislative office that serves over 170,000 Texans.
- Tremendous opportunity to network with other high achieving young people as well as direct interaction with community, business, and political leaders.
- A paid group trip to Austin upon successful completion of the program.
- Extensive exposure to volunteerism and servant leadership opportunities.
- Resume builder for college applications and professional career development.

Please review the criteria below to determine your eligibility, then fill out the attached application:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and reside in Denton County.
- Students will be **required** to work 5-10 hours per week in the summer of 2016 and 10-15 hours per month during the 2016-2017 school year. The internship period runs from June 2016 – May 2017 with the option to renew for a second school year.
- Work will take place both at the District Office in Little Elm and “in the field” at civic meetings as well as other events in the community.
- Students must have their own reliable transportation to and from work.
- Students must have a strong academic record, well rounded extracurricular activities, and a personal interest in public service.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

Legislative Leadership Council (LLC)

Some applicants will be selected by a community advisory board to join a group of returning LLC members who participated in this program during the 2015-2016 school year. Students selected for the program may serve for up to two consecutive years.

Advantages of the program include:

- Networking with other high achieving young people in Denton County.
- Direct interaction with community, business, and political leaders.
- Extensive exposure to volunteerism and servant leadership opportunities.
- Resume builder for college applications and professional career development.

Please review the criteria below to determine your eligibility, then fill out the attached application:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and reside in Denton County.
- Students will be **required** to attend quarterly LLC meetings (two in the fall semester, and two in the spring semester) and participate in at least one community service project. **Note: When dates are announced, it is the student's responsibility to immediately inform the program coordinator of any preexisting scheduling conflicts. Excused absences are possible on a case by case basis.*
- Students must have reliable transportation to meetings.
- Students must have a strong academic record, well rounded extracurricular activities, and a personal interest in public service.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

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Additional Requirements

Please attach the following required documents to your application:

- ✓ A personal statement essay limited to 250 words. Tell us about yourself, discussing your interests, goals, and what you hope to achieve if chosen to participate in the program.
- ✓ A brief statement naming your favorite U.S. president. Why do you admire this individual more than any other president? Please limit your response to 150 words.
- ✓ A current photo of yourself (*for identification purposes only*).
- ✓ **Two** letters of recommendation from individuals who can account for your character and interest in government. Letters can be received directly from the reference via email. Mailed letters should be sealed by the author and signed across the seal. These letters should not be written by immediate family members.

I certify that the information on this application and any additional material submitted is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I commit to working the minimum number of hours required by the program for the duration of the 2016-2017 school year and preceding summer.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I do hereby give my consent for my child to participate in Representative Fallon's Texas House District 106 Internship Program and understand the time commitment involved.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

<p>Your complete application must be <i>received</i> by staff in Representative Pat Fallon's Little Elm office no later than 5 p.m. <u>Friday, May 13, 2016.</u></p> <p>Please submit your application package by mail, email, or fax to Andy Forbes, Director of Constituent Services.</p> <p>If you have questions about the application or general inquiries regarding the program, please feel free to call the office at (469) 362-0500.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mail Office of State Representative Pat Fallon 100 W. Eldorado Parkway, 2nd Floor Little Elm, Texas 75068</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email andy.forbes@house.state.tx.us us</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fax (469) 362-0540</p>
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Thank you for your interest in the District Internship Program and Legislative Leadership Council!

Internship applicants selected as finalists will be contacted for an interview in June.

Legislative Leadership Council applicants will be informed of their acceptance status in June.