



## **NAWG Internship Program**

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) offers an internship program throughout the year for sophomores, juniors or seniors in college interested in gaining real-world experience in policy development.

NAWG is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing 21 state wheat grower organizations. From offices in the Wheat Growers Building on Capitol Hill, NAWG's staff members are in constant contact with state association representatives, NAWG grower-leaders, Members of Congress, Congressional staff members and the public. NAWG's lobbyists work on issues as diverse as federal farm policy and crop insurance, environmental regulation and research funding.

NAWG also leads a number of efforts outside the Beltway to benefit wheat growers – including the quest to bring the benefits of new and innovative research tools to wheat growers and efforts to find common ground between growers and the railroads that transport their products.

Applicants can expect a NAWG internship to provide a well-balanced, unique-to-D.C. experience in the day-to-day operations of an agricultural advocacy organization. Selected individuals will assist the government affairs department and other office departments as needed, but specific experiences are likely to include:

1. Assisting government affairs directors in working with Congress and the Administration by attending hearings, mark-ups and meetings; drafting communications; preparing testimony; tracking votes; filing; and other activities;
2. Conducting research, preparing reports and assisting the communications department with the weekly NAWG newsletter; and
3. Other general office and/or clerical responsibilities.

Successful candidates will be responsible for all living costs while in Washington, D.C., including housing, food, and transportation to and from work, which is one block from the Senate office buildings and the Union Station Metro terminal. Any required business travel and associated costs will be covered by NAWG.

However, this is a paid internship; NAWG interns are considered temporary employees and paid \$8.25 per hour.

Successful applicants must be able to work well in a group setting; demonstrate an interest in and/or a connection to agriculture; have a working knowledge of government; and be interested in pursuing an agriculturally-related career after graduation.

Preference will be given to applicants from states with NAWG-affiliated state wheat grower associations<sup>1</sup>.

The program will deliver three opportunities per year based on the schedule below:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Application Closing Date</b>	<b>Desired Starting Date</b>	<b>Desired Completion Date</b>
Fall	July 15	Sept. 15-20	Dec. 15-20
Winter	Nov. 15	Jan. 15-20	April 15-20
Summer	March 15	May 15-20	August 15-20

Interested students should complete an application packet including:

- The **Internship Program Application Form**, available directly at <http://www.wheatworld.org/wp-content/uploads/other-internship-program-application-form.pdf>.
- A **cover letter** explaining how they learned about the NAWG internship program and what they hope to gain from participating.
- A current **resume** including any organizational affiliations, agricultural work experience, awards, honors, education, etc.
- Two **letters of recommendation** from professors, employers or personal references.
- An **essay** (maximum 200 words) on the top three public policy issues that interest them.
- Official university/college **transcript(s)**, both undergraduate and graduate if applicable.
- Proof of English speaking and writing competence** if they are from a country that is not English-speaking.

All materials submitted must arrive in one package and must be written in English. Materials become the confidential property of the National Association of Wheat Growers and are not returnable.

Completed packets can be emailed to [dpeterson@wheatworld.org](mailto:dpeterson@wheatworld.org) to the attention of:

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<sup>1</sup> NAWG-affiliated states include the states of Alabama, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.