NAWG Internship Program

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) is seeking college interns to work directly with its directors of government affairs. The internship is intended for students in their junior or senior years of college, prior to graduation.

NAWG is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing U.S. wheat farmers on a wide range of issues including international trade, environmental regulations, conservation issues, tax and finance policy, domestic farm programs and other relative matters. NAWG offices are located near Capitol Hill, one block from the Senate office buildings and the Union Station Metro terminal.

Applicants can expect the internship to provide a well-balanced D.C. experience in government affairs work.

The experience will include:

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

Student will be responsible for all living costs while in Washington, D.C., to include food, transportation to and from work, and housing accommodations. Business travel and other associated costs will be covered by NAWG. This is a paid internship—the intern will be considered a temporary employee and the hourly wage will be $8.25 an hour.

Preference will be given to applicants from states with NAWG-affiliated state wheat grower associations.

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

Completed applications may be faxed to 202-546-2638 or emailed to kcuster@wheatworld.org to the attention of:

Katrina Custer, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
National Association of Wheat Growers
415 Second Street, NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002

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

Application Closing Date: November 1, 2009
Desired Start Date: January 15, 2010
Completion Date: April 15, 2010

Name: _______________________________________

Permanent address: _______________________________________________________________________

Current address: _______________________________________________________________________

Daytime phone number: (_____)________________

Email address: _______________________________________

Social Security Number: _____________________________

College or University: _______________________________________

Major: _____________________________

Year of Study: _____________________________

Estimated GPA: _____________________________

Expected Graduation Date: _____________________________

On separate paper, please attach:

1. Essay (200 words max.) explaining what you hope to personally gain from participating in the NAWG internship program in Washington, D.C.
2. Essay (200 words max.) explaining your interest in or connection to agriculture along with what you perceive to be the greatest challenges facing U.S. agriculture in general and/or the U.S. wheat industry in particular.
3. Current resume (include any agriculture affiliations, ag experience, awards, honors, education, role on farm and in ag industry, if applicable).
4. Two letters of recommendation (from professors, employers or personal references).

Signature: _____________________________  Date: ___________