



The Stouffer Report: A Search Future Leaders

The time between legislative sessions, known as “the interim,” is just as busy as the days from the beginning of January through the middle of May when the General Assembly is debating bills.




Our office is continuing to provide customer service to the 170,000 constituents in nine counties. We are also trying to do more to provide quality information about government at all levels.

My office is now accepting applications for legislative interns for the fall semester. These positions are responsible for writing press releases, handling constituent concerns, assisting with drafting legislation and performing various other duties that will help my office run more effectively for the citizens of the 21st Senatorial District.

These individuals are given the opportunity to learn about the legislative process and take an up close and personal look at the inner workings of the Missouri General Assembly.

I’m looking for individuals who will be a strong supplement to my already hard-working team. Our interns and job shadows must be able to mesh with our office and offer valuable judgment regarding issues that affect our constituents. An ability to keep up with the latest technologies in this new online world is a plus, too.

For young folks interested in some of the issues we debate in the Senate, such as taxes, spending, agriculture, personal property rights, business development or transportation, there is no better way

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to learn the ins and outs of these very important subjects. If you have an opinion or a passion about any issue, we want you on our team. We know a thing or two about opinions.

We are also in need of “August break interns.” These are folks who can serve an internship in our office from August 10 until school starts. They would perform the same tasks, only for a shorter time.

Typically, interns work during their fall or spring semester in exchange for credit hours through their university. A [link](#) is available on my Senate website for high school and college students to apply for an intern or job shadow position. A full time internship requires more than 30 hours a week versus a part time internship, which requires fewer than 30 hours a week. A job shadowing experience, which is available to high school students, requires one week or less.

In the past, I have had students come to work for my office who have had a wide variety of backgrounds—from students studying agriculture to political science majors. If you or someone you know is interested in seeing first-hand how your state government works, please visit www.senate.mo.gov/stouffer and apply online.

Senator Stouffer serves the counties of Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Lafayette, Macon, Ray, Saline, and a part of Clay.

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