**THE 2017 HENRY CLAY INTERNSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY**

***A Highly Selective Summer Internship Program in Our Nation’s Capital***

***Sponsored by***

***The Kentucky Society of Washington***

**About the Program**

The 2017 Henry Clay Internship in Public Policy offers an exceptional opportunity for two (2) highly accomplished students from Kentucky’s colleges and universities to be placed and serve in an office of a Member of Kentucky’s congressional delegation. Duties can range from drafting responses to constituent inquires to researching major issues of the day concerning pending legislation – all while experiencing first-hand our Congress in action.   
  
This summer program is generally six weeks and designed to provide valuable mentorship opportunities, unique networking events, and access to a myriad of successful political and business leaders who live on and around Capitol Hill. Clay Interns have the opportunity to attend distinguished speaker presentations, hosted dinners and receptions, and even significant theatre and sports events. They participate in and receive recognition at the Kentucky Society’s Biennial Henry Clay Distinguished Kentuckian Award Dinner Gala, a black tie event typically attended by Governors, Members of Congress, Supreme Court Justices, entertainment celebrities and other notables at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel (our next in planning for July 2018). Among the program’s hallmarks are a strong fellowship between past and current interns and the development of close personal relationships that so often prove very helpful to career planning.   
  
**This year, Clay Interns will receive a $4,000 cash stipend, which may be used to assist with transportation and living expenses during the internship.**

**Who is Eligible?**

The program is open to all students who are residents of Kentucky, enrolled and in good standing at a Kentucky college or university, and who will be a rising junior or senior at the time of the internship.  
  
**Students must have and demonstrate a serious interest in pursuing a career in public service.**  
The Kentucky Society seeks applicants who demonstrate superior academic and intellectual achievements; strong emotional IQ; uncommon maturity; peerless motivation to succeed in personal and public life; effective oral and written communication skills; the ability to work well independently and with others; outstanding trustworthiness and sound judgment; and strong self-initiative.

**How to Apply**

Applications for the Kentucky Society of Washington’s prestigious Henry Clay Internships in Public Policy are now being accepted for the summer of 2017.

1. Complete the [**application form**](http://kentuckysociety.org/internship/application.pdf) distributed by your college/university and which is also found at www.KentuckySociety.org. Applications MUST be typed in Arial or Times New Roman 12 point font. Essays MUST be in American Psychological Association (APA) format. Hand-written applications will not be accepted for consideration.  
  
2. Obtain and provide three (3) references using the [**reference form**](http://kentuckysociety.org/internship/recommendation.pdf) distributed by your college/university and which is also found at www.KentuckySociety.org. Two references should be academic and the third should come from a non-academic source.

3. Obtain and provide a **certified copy of your college transcript**.

4. A complete application package, including your application, three (3) references, and certified college transcript MUST be submitted not later than **Friday, January 13, 2017** to:

**H. McGuire Riley**

**Chairman, The Henry Clay Internship in Public Policy**

**HenryClayInternship@KentuckySociety.Org**

5. The complete application package must be submitted as a .pdf document to **HenryClayInternship@KentuckySociety.Org**.[**HenryClayInternship@KentuckySociety.org**](mailto:HenryClayInternship@KentuckySociety.org).

6. Questions may be directed to the program Chairman, **H. McGuire Riley**, at **HenryClayInternship@KentuckySociety.Org**

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7. Finalist interviews are tentatively planned for **Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5, 2017,** with selections announced by **March 1, 2017**.

**A Few Words from Past Scholars**

"Not only did the Henry Clay Internship place me and my peers into some of our nation’s most prominent political offices, it also offered incredible support through mentorship and networking opportunities. I learned so much as a result of my direct participation within the legislative process and I gained lifelong friends along the way – this is truly an experience unavailable anywhere else."

                                                          - Aleksey Graboviy  
                                                            2012 Henry Clay Scholar

"The experience taught me how important relationships are and even more so, how important information is. It also showed me the difference that anyone can make by remaining dedicated to public service. Without the program, many people such as myself could not have afforded to complete an internship so monumental to personal and career development."

                                                          - Richie Mathes  
                                                             2012 Henry Clay Scholar