Fahe Summer 2020 Policy Intern Posting

Want to make a difference? Fahe is on a mission to eliminate persistent poverty in Appalachia. Our unique collaborative model connects a Network of local, regional, and national leaders, working together to overcome the economic insecurity grasping at our communities and get them working again. Since 1980, we have reached over 763,000 people with over $3.7 billion in investments throughout the region. The impact achieved by our Network of local leadership combined with our record of influencing legislation and boots-on-the-ground program design expertise gives us a nationally-recognized perspective on turning back the grinding job losses and community struggles throughout Appalachia and the country. In our vision, our communities and economies work—with jobs, choices, and a good life for each of us, in our region and in this great country. Join us to make it happen.

Our ability to achieve this vision depends upon us being able to hire amazing people. The candidate will work with the Advocacy Department to research, support, and to the extent possible lead initiatives on economic prosperity in Appalachia. The candidate will work with smart, dedicated, big-thinking colleagues on making a difference in poverty and economic development in this country, receiving meaningful feedback and mentorship. The candidate also will have a view from a leading national voice located at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains that is effective in the Washington, DC policy environment (for example, our President, who you would also work with, is Board Chair of the Opportunity Finance Network, the leading national organization of community development financial institutions).

Responsible for researching and executing policy initiatives with our Advocacy team designed to get our communities and economies working again. The intern will work closely with the Vice President of Advocacy and the Advocacy Manager to manage the delivery of program and policy materials to advance this mission through advocacy and constituent engagement.

Envisioned Responsibilities:

- Participate in meetings and strategy sessions to learn the space and the economic development policy landscape.
- Participate in outreach to key partners working on this issue nationwide.
- Participate in the policy advocacy department including following key developments in community and economic development, federal legislation, and important regulatory changes.
- Develop a set of policy position papers and reports that can be used to build Fahe’s thought leadership. These position papers will be research intensive and be organized by Fahe’s five charges: Leadership, Economic Opportunity,
Housing, Health and Well-Being, and Education. Specific issues could include jobs and economic development, housing that people can afford, opioid recovery and workforce issues, rural health issues, environmental remediation and economic development, education policy especially as it relates to financially-challenged districts, or broadband internet service.

- Produce and issue educational documents, comment letters, and presentations that interpret complex issues.
- Serve as a member of the Advocacy team to develop community engagement strategies and tactics to advance advocacy priorities as part of campaigns.
- Help the Advocacy department map collaborative stakeholders in our region, increasing opportunities for collaboration.

Additional Objectives
Working with Advocacy department, collaborate with the Membership, Strategic Initiatives, and Communications team to better disseminate our thought leadership to our Members and other constituencies. Through providing additional content to these departments and reporting content to other departments.

- Create newsletters, blog submissions or other materials for constituent publications based around important policy updates.
- Collaborate with Membership and Communications teams around summer events to increase engagement by Members that will help fulfill our mission.

Qualifications: Undergraduate rising senior who desires to work with public policy, economic opportunity advocacy, and/or socially responsible enterprises. We desire 3.0 GPA or higher.

To apply: please submit a resume via the online portal you found this listing on, OR via email to jstewart@fahe.org with the subject “ATTN: Summer Internship”. No cover letter is required.

Note on Geography: This position is open in Lexington, KY, Berea, KY, and Washington, D.C. Each location has strengths unavailable in the others; we will discuss location of position with applicants who reach the interview stage to ensure a successful candidate has an enriching internship experience that works for them.

Fahe seeks applicants who can bring diverse viewpoints, experience, talents, and culture to promote our mission to eliminate persistent poverty in Appalachia.

About Fahe
Fahe is on a mission to eliminate persistent poverty in Appalachia. Our unique collaborative model connects a Network of local, regional, and national leaders all working together to uplift our nation’s rural places. To that end, we offer a variety of
housing and community development services, and bring transformational change at scale through our charges of Leadership, Development, Housing, Education, Health and Social Services, and Economic Opportunity.

Fahe is an Equal Opportunity Employer.