

Internship Opportunity: League of Women Voters of Alachua County/ Gainesville

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Brief description/mission:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. LWV began as an all-women's organization and continues to work on issues that affect the quality of life and access to government for both women and men.

Number of hours/credits per week:

4/5 hours per week, for 1 credit

Schedule Requirements:

Interns work from multiple locations, including at home and at event locations. Work will vary from week to week depending on project schedule, but overall the schedule is flexible.

Prerequisites/Qualifications:

For most projects, we simply need someone who is organized, has a good attitude, and works well with others.

Activities the intern will take part in:

The intern will work on specific projects and on day-to-day operations of the organization. Interns will learn about event planning, coordination, and implementation, the political process, current political issues, and civic engagement/ education.

For Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters, LWV needs help with the following projects and programs:

- (1) **Voter Education, Voter Registration & Candidate Forums:** The League will need volunteers to assist with voter education, voter registration, and candidate forums for the Fall 2012 elections (county, state, national races) and Spring 2013 elections (City of Gainesville). This work includes participating in voter registration drives; tabling and distributing voter information at public events; working with the local Supervisor of Elections Office and other community groups and organization to increase voter registration and voter turnout.
- (2) **Education Committee.** The League Education committee will be researching issues related to the use of public tax dollars for School Choice Programs e.g. charter schools, private schools, and online courses. Help is needed doing research and gathering information.
- (3) **Communications Committee.** The Communications Committee needs assistance with updates to the Facebook page and compiling articles and information for the monthly Newsletter.