

2026 AAPD Summer Internship Program

Application: Google Document

Apply By: Tuesday, October 21 5:00pm ET (note time zone)

Online Portal to Submit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIP26>

Use this Google Document to look at the application questions in advance. This document is view-only. When you're ready, all applications should be submitted through the [online portal](#).

[Visit AAPD's Internship webpage](#) to learn more about AAPD's internship program. If you have any questions or would like to ask for a disability accommodation, please email AAPD at internships@aapd.com or call 202-521-4303.

Section 1: Information About You*

Name:*

- First:
- Last:

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Home Address and Contact Information:*

- City
- State or Territory (dropdown menu)
- Country
- Email
- Phone Number

I am a person with a disability:*

- Yes
- No [Submit Form]

In the Summer of 2026, I will be a:*

- Rising University Sophomore
- Rising University Junior
- Rising University Senior
- Community College Student
- Current Participant in a skills-based transition program (e.g. apprenticeship)
- Graduate Student
- Law Student

- Recent Graduate (university, community and technical college, educational or skill-based program)
- Other:

Graduation Year (or expected graduation year):*

Name of College, University or Program:*

Location of College, University, or Program (City & State):*

Area of Focus (e.g. Major/minor):*

How did you hear about the AAPD Summer Internship Program? (check all that apply)*

- AAPD's website or email listserv
- Social media
- Recommended by a friend or colleague
- Search Engine/Google search
- College Disability Resource Center
- Handshake
- Vocational Rehabilitation Center
- Other disability-related organization
- Disability Mentoring Day event
- Other: open-ended

Have you previously applied for or participated in any of the AAPD Programs (Summer Internship Program, NBCUniversal Scholarship, Hearnee Award, etc.)?*

- Disability Mentoring Day
- Fall Internship Program
- Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Program
- NBCUniversal Scholarship
- Paul G. Hearne Emerging Leader Award
- REV-UP Coalition
- Summer Internship Program
- I have not previously applied and/or participated in AAPD's programs before.
- Other:

I would like to join AAPD's email list (note: this will not impact the decision regarding your application)*

- Yes
- No

Section 2: Resume*

Please upload your resume.*

Section 3: Internship Placement site*

Please select your top two preferences of where you would like to be placed for an internship site in order.

Select your top choice.*

- Congressional office
- Federal agency
- Nonprofit
- For-profit
- STEM internship
- Bobby Silverstein Fellowship
- Flexible – willing to be placed anywhere

Select your next top choice.*

- Congressional office
- Federal agency
- Nonprofit
- For-profit
- STEM internship
- Bobby Silverstein Fellowship
- Flexible – willing to be placed anywhere

At this time, do you prefer to participate in the AAPD Summer Internship program:*

- In Washington, DC
- Remotely
- No preference

Section 4: Essays*

Essay 1 (max 350 words): Describe a situation that demonstrates your leadership style.*

Essay 2 (max 350 words): What is your proudest achievement so far? Please include why and share any obstacles you had to address.*

Essay 3 (max 350 words): Identify a significant issue impacting the disability community and some action steps you could take in the next three months to address this issue.*

Essay 4 (max 350 words): (If you would like to be considered for the *Bobby Silverstein Fellowship*, you are required to answer this question. If you are not interested, please skip this question.) Please share your long-term goals within the legal profession and any personal or professional experiences that have shaped your desire to work in disability law.

Section 5: Demographics (optional)

We ask demographic questions to better know about the group of people who applied. These questions can be personal. You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. The information is helpful for our team to make sure we have a diverse group of applicants.

- Disability-
- Sexual Orientation-
- Gender-
- Veteran Status-
- Race-
- Ethnicity-
- Age-
- Religion-