



## 2017 WASHINGTON SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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### 2017 Application

Now in its tenth year, the TCA Washington Summer Internship Program provides opportunities for young Turkish Americans to intern at Congressional offices and nonprofit organizations in Washington, DC. Designed to enhance Turkish American participation in political life, the program offers an opportunity for young Turkish Americans to live and work in the nation's capital, learn about the American political process, contribute to U.S.-Turkey relations and the [TCA mission](#), and explore career opportunities in public affairs.

**Application Deadline: Friday, January 27, 2017**

**Award:** TCA will facilitate the placement of selected interns in Congressional offices and nonprofit organizations. Interns will receive a monthly stipend for the duration of their internship. Internships will last up to 10 weeks between June and August 2017.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- ❖ Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program or be a recent graduate who is interested in pursuing a career in public affairs
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder)
- ❖ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- ❖ Be available for up to 10 weeks between June and August 2017
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and participation in community service, particularly within the Turkish American community

### How to Apply

Please submit all application materials **by email** to Liz Clark at [scholarships@tc-america.org](mailto:scholarships@tc-america.org) no later than **Friday, January 27, 2017**.

Please include all application materials in the same email.

**Applications must include:**

1. A completed application form
2. A resume
3. A copy of your college transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
4. 2 photographs of yourself
5. The contact information for a professional reference, such as a professor, community leader, previous employer or internship supervisor
6. A copy of your passport or green card

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Your application will be complete when all materials are received. Review of applications will not begin until after the application deadline.

For any questions about the Internship Program or application process, please email [scholarships@tc-america.org](mailto:scholarships@tc-america.org).

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**PART I: Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: U.S. Citizen:  Permanent Resident:  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a previous relationship with TCA?: (Select as many as apply to you)

Scholarship Recipient  Previous Intern  Youth Congress Delegate  None

If you were a previous intern, where did you intern and when?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: School Information:**

Are you a (please select one): College Student  Graduate Student  Recent Graduate

School Name (please list all attended): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Master's  PhD  Recent Graduate

If you are a recent graduate, what do you do?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III: Internship Information**

Who is your Member of Congress?: \_\_\_\_\_

What dates are you available for an internship (between June and August 2017)?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Internship placement preference (rank your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)\*:

Internship on Capitol Hill: \_\_\_\_\_ Internship with a nonprofit organization: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your political preference for internship placement? *Please make clear below what your initial political preference would be (if you have one) and whether you would be open to working for another political party should a Representative's office show interest in your application.*

Democrat only  Republican only  Flexible

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Part IV: Essay Questions**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability on a separate sheet of paper (limit your responses to 500 words per answer).

1. Given your personal background, please describe an experience that best illustrates what being a Turkish American means to you. How does this aspect of your identity influence your career goals? How will an internship with this program impact your career and/or professional goals?
2. Describe a personal acquaintance, a historical figure, or a present-day leader who has influenced you, and explain that influence and why you chose that person.
3. Imagine that you are approached by a Congressional foreign affairs staffer to draft a policy memorandum on the current state of bilateral ties between the U.S. and Turkey. What 2-3 policy recommendations would you give that you believe could help improve relations between the two countries? Why do you believe these would be good policies? Be sure to consider major events of the last two years that have influenced the direction of the U.S.-Turkey partnership when developing your answer.

### **Part V: Additional Application Materials**

Applicants **must** include the following materials with their applications:

1. A copy of your resume
2. A transcript for all colleges or universities attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable, although if you are accepted in to the program TCA may ask you to provide official copies)
3. 2 photographs of yourself
4. The contact information for a professional reference, such as a professor, community leader, previous employer, or internship supervisor
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*\*Disclaimer: TCA serves as an internship facilitator and cannot guarantee that you will be chosen by the office or nonprofit of your first choice upon your acceptance into the 2017 Washington Summer Internship Program.*

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby certify, acknowledge, and agree as follows:

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided in this application and my supporting documents are true and correct.
2. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could mislead TCA.
3. By submitting this application, I am giving my approval for TCA to verify all information I have provided to TCA and, when requested, I will fully cooperate with TCA in this endeavor.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that my application and all supporting documents are (i) clearly marked with my name and (ii) submitted to TCA by the deadline.
6. I understand and agree that (i) the TCA decision is made at its sole and absolute discretion, (ii) such decision shall be deemed final, and (iii) such decision shall not be subject to further review, reconsideration, challenge, or appeal.
7. I understand that, if I am selected under the TCA Washington Summer Internship Program, after accepting the internship offer I am required to attend a TCA orientation session and to begin and complete the internship in good faith.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_