

American Society of Magazine Editors

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Applications must be submitted on or before **DECEMBER 1, 2016** at asmeinternship.org

For 50 years, the American Society of Magazine Editors has sponsored the Magazine Internship Program — a ten-week program for rising college seniors at magazines in New York and Washington. Since the program was founded in 1967, some 1,800 college students have worked as ASME interns. Nearly 450 have gone on to successful careers in print and electronic journalism.

Join This Magazine Journalism Tradition

- > **College Students** — Complete an application form at asmeinternship.org
- > **Journalism Educators** — Encourage your students to apply
- > **Magazine Editors** — Invite an ASME intern to work at your magazine next summer

What You Need to Know About the Program

Only 10 percent of all Magazine Internship Program applicants are accepted. ASME interns have distinguished academic records and usually have extensive experience working on city and regional magazines or websites as well as on college newspapers or magazines.

ASME interns participate in a three-day orientation program and learn the fundamentals of reporting, fact checking and copy editing. Over the course of the summer, ASME interns also attend special events in New York and Washington and meet for lunch with top editors.

ASME interns report, edit, fact-check and copy-edit for print and online publications. They may sometimes interview celebrities, attend press conferences and work the red carpet — but most of the summer they do the un-glam but essential work of magazine journalism.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete their junior year before June 2017 and expect to graduate in June 2018. Only full-time students with a grade point average of at least 3.0 will be considered for an internship. Potential applicants should review the application requirements at asmeinternship.org.

Your application must include:

- A completed application
- A one-page cover letter (addressed to Nina Fortuna, Director, ASME) explaining why you are interested in magazine journalism; why you want to participate in the Magazine Internship Program; and what qualifies you to be an ASME intern. The selection committee wants to know how your course of study has prepared you to be an ASME intern and how you plan to use the skills and insights you gain from participation in the Magazine Internship Program not only to advance your career but to benefit the publications where you work your senior year
- A one-page letter of recommendation from an educator who can attest to your abilities and experience
- A one-page letter of recommendation from an intern supervisor or employer who can attest to your abilities and experience
- A current resume
- No more than 10 clips from a college newspaper or magazine or from a newspaper or magazine where you have interned or worked that demonstrate reporting skills as well as an interest in and knowledge of a range of topics
- A nonrefundable processing fee of \$25

Application Deadline: December 1, 2016

All application materials must be submitted online. Please go to asmeinternship.org to fill out an application and upload your materials. The nonrefundable processing fee can be paid online, or you can mail a check to Magazine Internship Program, American Society of Magazine Editors, 757 Third Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Checks should be made out to MPA/ASME. Please make sure the name of the applicant is written on the check.

HOW INTERNS ARE CHOSEN

Besides overall academic performance, criteria used to select ASME interns include:

- Academic training in journalism (but students shouldn't be afraid to apply for an ASME internship if their school doesn't offer journalism courses or if they're not majoring in journalism)
- Experience in campus journalism, preferably as a reporter or editor on a newspaper, magazine or website
- Previous internships or employment at city, regional or national newspapers, magazines or websites

Applicants will be notified by email of the selection committee's decision in March 2017.

WHAT SCHOOLS SHOULD DO

Journalism departments and career-guidance offices are asked to recommend no more than two students for the Magazine Internship Program. (Students do not need to be nominated by a college or university to apply, but applicants recommended by journalism departments or career-guidance offices are given preference over students from the same school.) Letters of recommendation should be included in each student's application. To ensure geographic diversity, only one student is usually accepted from any one college or university.

INTERNSHIP DATES

- The Magazine Internship Program Orientation begins on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017**, at ASME in New York. All ASME interns are expected to attend orientation, including interns assigned to magazines outside New York. Orientation concludes on **Friday, June 2**
- ASME interns begin work at their assigned magazines on **Monday, June 5**; the Magazine Internship Program concludes on **Friday, August 11**

FINANCES AND HOUSING

- ASME interns are temporary employees of the magazine they are assigned to. ASME interns are paid a minimum of \$350 a week before deductions
- ASME interns are responsible for their own travel, housing, meals and personal expenses. ASME arranges group housing at New York University dormitories. Most interns live at NYU, but some stay with family or friends. ASME also provides housing information for students assigned to magazines in Washington

Housing costs for the length of the Magazine Internship Program are approximately \$3,700 at New York University (costs are comparable in Washington). A \$500 deposit is required when housing is reserved for the summer; payment must be made in full before the scheduled move-in date.

ASME 2017 Magazine Internship Program

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