

Oct. 15, 2009

Dear Adviser,

Since 1993, more than 80 journalism teachers from around the state have taken part in a four-week internship program that pairs advisers with their local daily newspapers. I would like to invite you to consider this highly successful and rewarding program.

Interning at 18 different Indiana newspapers since the program started, our teacher interns have worked the copy desk, written news and feature stories under deadline pressure, taken photos and worked in the darkroom, participated in page design and participated in daily planning meetings.

If you feel working with a professional newspaper would enhance your own teaching and advising, please consider applying for a paid internship this summer.

If you apply, let me encourage you to include clips, portfolios, letters of recommendation (one letter from a media person, if possible) or any other materials to augment your application. Please include one copy of your high school newspaper or yearbook, too. Internships can begin early in June or be delayed until August. The schedule is flexible and will be worked out between the intern and the newspaper. The IHSPA will partner with the participating newspapers to offer interns \$350 a week stipend for total of \$1,400.

The deadline for all application materials is *March 31, 2009*. Also be aware that most newspapers require that interns live or work in that paper's readership area. It's also possible to use the internship for graduate credit at some colleges and universities.

Please direct all questions about the internship or the application process to Dennis Cripe, executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association. You can reach me at 1-800-852-0232/Extension 8198. My direct number is (317) 738-8198. My electronic mail address is: "dcripe@franklincollege.edu"

You may also want to read more from last year's interns at IHSPA's web site:

<http://ihspa.franklincollege.edu/>

Sincerely,

Dennis Cripe, internship coordinator
Indiana High School Press Association

(Applicants must be a current member of the IHSPA. Application Form may be duplicated and distributed to others.)

Adviser-Intern Application Form Summer/2009

Name _____ High School _____

Address _____ City _____

E-Mail _____ IHSPA Member ____ Yes ____ No

Phone (W) _____ Phone (H) _____

Publication(s) advised: _____

No. of Years Advising: _____ No. of Years Teaching: _____

Highest Degree Earned: _____ Granting Institution _____

No. of Journalism Credit Hours Earned To Date: _____

Your plans for the internship: () CRUs () College Credit () Prof. Experience

Professional/College Media Experience: _____

Courses Taught Regularly: _____

•Please assess your skills in the following areas, using a 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest) scale:

Copy Editing () ; Writing/Reporting () ; Photography () ; Design () ; Broadcast () .

Desktop Publishing () ; Advertising/Business () ; Darkroom () .

From the list above, which skill would you like to gain more experience and expertise? Why?

•Essay (350 words): In a separate document, please explain why you are seeking this internship and how you plan to incorporate this experience into your classroom. Please include your level of expertise with computer software, writing and design.

Mail all materials to:
(Deadline 03/31/09

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(Applicants should feel free to attach expanded responses to any question)