*Illinois Corn Marketing Board*

2018 Summer Legislative Internship

**Goal**: To assist corn farmers and Illinois agriculture to have a stronger working relationship with state and federal elected officials.

**Tactic**: Utilize college students studying agriculture or political science to generate fact sheets, make appointments, analyze related economic data, and determine effective communications strategies to push Illinois Corn priority issues forward in state and federal governing bodies.

**Timeframe**: Applications (please include a resume) are due on December 1, with interviews being held in Bloomington, IL in January 2018. Selected interns will be notified thereafter and will begin their summer internship at the end of May, beginning of June (date is flexible).

**Requirements**: Students will be expected to represent IL Corn and Illinois corn farmers in Springfield, IL and Washington, D.C. Students will coordinate a July 2018 Washington, DC visit for the IL Corn Board including making appointments, writing issue briefs and fact sheets, and summarizing the lobbying visits. Students will assist in the work of the IL Corn Political Action Committee, coordinating and attending fundraisers for candidates and elected officials. Some additional duties will be required as issues and time allow. Students must expect to maintain regular business hours. A farm background is a plus, though not required.

**Compensation**: Students will be paid $15 per hour for this opportunity.

**Professional Development**: This opportunity should be considered an important professional development opportunity. Students can expect to exit the internship with many meaningful experiences and insights into the legislative arena to carry forward into their careers. Additionally, important contacts and networking opportunities exist for students interested in pursuing a political career. Finally, for students with limited experience of the agricultural industry, expect to develop an awareness and appreciation for farmers and agriculture.

**For More Information**: Please contact Lindsay Mitchell at lmitchell@ilcorn.org or 309-557-3257 for any additional information on this internship experience.

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**2018 Illinois Corn Marketing Board Intern Application**

**Name**

**Home Address City State Zip**

**Home Phone Preferred E-Mail**

**College Address City State Zip**

**Cell Phone**

**Major College Year**

**Applicant’s Signature**

**Deadline for application – December 1, 2017**

**Please complete the application and send application and resume to:**

**Illinois Corn Marketing Board**

Attn: Lindsay Mitchell, Project Coordinator

P.O. Box 487, Bloomington, IL, 61702-0487

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