



*Mission:*

EYEJ drives social justice reform by empowering young people to advocate for change.

*Vision:*

An equitable and inclusive world.

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# University Internship Program

EYEJ amplifies the voices of teens and pre-teens by connecting them to respected adults for interactive discussions on social justice. In our Discussion Series, we engage in open dialogue on critical topics including toxic stress, jobs and entrepreneurship, health, and youth-police relationships. Now we're looking for people to help us start new conversations.

## Speaker

Our **Discussion Series Speakers** visit or connect with several Cleveland schools every month and lead one-hour, frank discussions with students in grades six through 12. They use established speaker guides grounded in EYEJ curriculum but are free to cite personal stories, experiences, and expertise to create authentic, dynamic conversations. Each month is devoted to a unique theme addressing a social justice issue relevant to the young people of Cleveland.

Throughout each month, speakers also act as **Social Media Ambassadors**, highlighting key moments in their events across EYEJ social media pages and on the EYEJ blog. They also complete reports following their events and contribute to EYEJ social media in general. This is an excellent opportunity to lead conversation and gain experience as a change-maker.

### *Speaker Obligations*

Speakers are expected to lead at least two discussion events per month. Dates, times, locations, and topics are flexible. They must complete remote assignments each month as a social media ambassador, familiarize themselves with the EYEJ organization and its mission, and coordinate with multiple, diverse parties to organize meaningful, effective events. The minimum time requirement is 20 hours per month: one hour per month remote and four hours per month on-site, for four months. EYEJ welcomes interns for one semester or a full year.

## Coordinator

**Discussion Series Coordinators** observe and take notes at discussion events and handle paperwork including sign-in sheets, activity handouts, and surveys. Coordinators are permitted to take part in conversations, if able, but also must note important comments and take photos.

Like YODJ Speakers, Coordinators complete reports after each event and contribute photos, discussion takeaways, and other relevant observations across EYEJ's social media platforms. In this way, they, too, act as **Social Media Ambassadors**, bolstering EYEJ's online presence and advancing the discussion online. This is another way to lead the conversation and gain experience as a change-maker in the community.

### *Coordinator Requirements and Obligations*

Coordinators have the same minimum time commitments as Discussion Series Speakers (20 hours per semester). They, too, are welcomed for semester or year-long terms but also are required to maintain confidentiality, agree to background checks, and have reliable transportation.

We welcome interns to remain with EYEJ for a **semester** or a **full year** and to join us for either the minimum requirement of events or attend more as able!

**Location:** Remote (Minimum: 1 Hour/Month)

Onsite (Minimum: 2 Events = 4 Hours/Month)

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**Total Time Requirement:** 20 Hours / Semester Minimum

5 Hour / Month Minimum

4 Hours Onsite, 1 Hour Remote

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