Gateway Mission Internship Program

Gain Experience. Grow Professionally. Serve with Purpose.

About Gateway Mission

Gateway Mission is a Christ-centered nonprofit ministry serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness in West Michigan. Our mission is to declare and demonstrate the love of Jesus by providing housing and programs for the homeless and less fortunate.

Through emergency shelter, discipleship programs, and social enterprise operations, we help individuals build stability, develop life and employment skills, and move toward lasting transformation.

The Internship Opportunity

Are you a college student looking for practical experience while making a difference in the lives of others?

Gateway Mission offers internships for students and emerging professionals interested in exploring career opportunities within a Christian nonprofit ministry. Interns work alongside experienced staff, participate in department activities, and contribute to meaningful projects.

- Shelter Operations & Program Services
- Human Resources & Administration
- Finance & Accounting
- Development & Fundraising
- Marketing & Communications
- Social Enterprise Operations

Opportunities vary based on departmental needs, student interests, and available supervision.

What You Will Gain

- **Practical Experience:** Apply classroom knowledge through department assignments and projects.
- **Professional Mentoring:** Receive guidance and feedback from experienced staff.
- **Skill Development:** Strengthen communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and organizational skills.
- **Ministry Experience:** Explore Christian service, nonprofit leadership, and the connection between faith and work.

- **Academic Development:** Complete learning objectives and projects that may qualify for college credit.

Internship Structure

- Internships are generally semester-based, lasting approximately 8–12 weeks, with opportunities during Fall, Spring, and Summer.

- Each internship includes defined learning objectives, regular supervisor check-ins, and mid-term and final evaluations. Schedules and assignments are established according to departmental needs and academic requirements.

Compensation & Academic Credit

Gateway Mission internships are unpaid. Students may be eligible to receive academic credit through their college or university, subject to their school's requirements and approval. Gateway Mission will work with students to coordinate applicable internship documentation and evaluations.

The Student We're Looking For

We're looking for motivated students who take initiative, welcome feedback, and enjoy working with others.

An ideal candidate will demonstrate:

- Enrollment in, or recent graduation from, a college, university, or vocational program.
- Interest in ministry, nonprofit service, business, or a related field.
- Strong communication, organization, and time-management skills.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Integrity, professionalism, and respect for confidentiality.
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn.

Previous nonprofit or ministry experience is helpful but not required.

Personal Characteristics

Gateway Mission is a Christian ministry where faith is central to our work. Candidates should be practicing believers in Jesus Christ, actively involved in a local evangelical church, and committed to demonstrating Christ's love through their work and relationships.

We value individuals who approach others with dignity, compassion, humility, and a willingness to serve.

How to Apply / Learn More

Students are encouraged to submit a resume and brief cover letter identifying their area of interest, academic program, and desired internship semester.

Email: HR@hopefoundhere.org
Location: Gateway Mission, Holland, Michigan

Internship availability depends on departmental needs and supervision capacity.

Learn More: Visit hopefoundhere.org to explore Gateway Mission's programs, ministry, and opportunities to serve