



2020 WASHINGTON SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2020 Application

Now in its twelfth year, the TCA Washington Summer Internship Program provides opportunities for young Turkish Americans to intern at Congressional offices, the Turkish Coalition of America and other organizations in Washington, DC. Designed to enhance Turkish American participation in political life, the program offers an opportunity for young Turkish Americans to live and work in the nation's capital, learn about the American political process, contribute to U.S.-Turkey relations and the [TCA mission](#), and explore career opportunities in public affairs.

Application Deadline: Friday, January 10, 2020

Award: TCA will facilitate the placement of selected interns in Congressional offices, the TCA office, and other organizations. Interns will receive a monthly stipend for the duration of their internship. Internships will last up to 10 weeks between June and August 2020.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- ❖ Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program or be a recent graduate who is interested in pursuing a career in public affairs
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder)
- ❖ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- ❖ Be available for up to 10 weeks between June and August 2020
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and participation in community service, particularly within the Turkish American community

How to Apply

Please submit all application materials **by email** to scholarships@tc-america.org NO LATER than **Friday, January 10, 2020**.

Applications must include:

1. A completed application form
2. A resume
3. A copy of your college transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
4. 2 photographs of yourself
5. A copy of your passport or green card
6. One letter of recommendation (may be submitted directly by the recommenders to scholarships@tc-america.org by the deadline)

Please include all application materials in the same email.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Your application will be complete when all materials are received. Review of applications will not begin until after the application deadline. Failure to follow application instructions will make you ineligible for the program.

For any questions, please email scholarships@tc-america.org.

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PART I: Personal Information:

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Check one: U.S. Citizen: Permanent Resident: Date of Birth: _____

Do you have a previous relationship with TCA?: (Select as many as apply to you)

Scholarship Recipient Previous Intern Youth Congress Delegate None

If you were a previous intern, where did you intern and when?: _____

PART II: School Information:

Are you a (please select one): College Student Graduate Student Recent Graduate

School Name (please list all attended): _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Master's PhD Recent Graduate

If you are a recent graduate, what do you do now?: _____

Part III: Internship Information

Who is your Member of Congress?: _____

What dates are you available for an internship (between June and August 2020)?: _____

What is your political preference for internship placement? *Please make clear below what your initial political preference would be (if you have one) and whether you would be open to working for another political party should a Representative's office show interest in your application.*

Democrat only Republican only Flexible

Additional notes: _____

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Part IV: Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability on a separate sheet of paper (limit your responses to 500 words per answer).

1. Given your personal background, please describe an experience that best illustrates what being a Turkish American means to you. How does this aspect of your identity influence your career goals? How will an internship with this program impact your career and/or professional goals?
2. Describe a personal acquaintance, a historical figure, or a present-day leader who has influenced you, and explain that influence and why you chose that person.
3. Imagine that you are approached by a Congressional foreign affairs staffer to draft a policy memorandum on the current state of bilateral ties between the U.S. and Turkey. What 2-3 policy recommendations would you give that you believe could help improve relations between the two countries? Why do you believe these would be good policies? Be sure to consider major events of the last two years that have influenced the direction of the U.S.-Turkey partnership when developing your answer.

Part V: Additional Application Materials

Applicants **must** include the following materials with their applications:

1. A copy of your resume
2. A transcript for all colleges or universities attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable, although if you are accepted in to the program TCA may ask you to provide official copies)
3. 2 photographs of yourself
4. A copy of your passport or green card
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**Disclaimer: TCA serves as an internship facilitator and cannot guarantee that you will be chosen by the office of your first choice upon your acceptance into the 2020 Washington Summer Internship Program.*

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify, acknowledge, and agree as follows:

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided in this application and my supporting documents are true and correct.
2. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could mislead TCA.
3. By submitting this application, I am giving my approval for TCA to verify all information I have provided to TCA and, when requested, I will fully cooperate with TCA in this endeavor.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that my application and all supporting documents are (i) clearly marked with my name and (ii) submitted to TCA by the deadline.
6. I understand and agree that (i) the TCA decision is made at its sole and absolute discretion, (ii) such decision shall be deemed final, and (iii) such decision shall not be subject to further review, reconsideration, challenge, or appeal.
7. I understand that, if I am selected under the TCA Washington Summer Internship Program, after accepting the internship offer I am required to attend a TCA orientation session and to begin and complete the internship in good faith.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____