

The Blue Card Archives Internship for Possible College Credit

The Blue Card, the only charity in the U.S. that aids destitute Holocaust survivors, to allow them a measure of comfort and dignity in their last years, needs volunteers to read through and edit the stories of Holocaust survivors. These narratives should be clear, have a consistent tone and voice, and be historically accurate in cases where information is inaccurate or incomplete. The narratives will be combined into an archive, or book, that will be used for education, outreach, fundraising, as well as help The Blue Card to better assist its clients.

The Blue Card is looking to enlist a number of college students, members of your organization or friends and family members, for part-time internships archiving its extensive records. The internships would begin by June 1, 2013, or earlier, requiring approximately 10 hours per week on a flexible schedule and last until the project is completed, we hope by the end of 2014. If you want or need the internship to be approved for college credits, please get approval in advance.

Qualifications:

- You are a Junior, Senior or Graduate Level Student
- You are an English, Literature, Writing, History, Social Work, any Liberal Arts Major

Preferences:

- Interest in Jewish History
- Interest or Experience in Social Work

Project includes:

- Reviewing Documents and Personal Stories
- Personal Data Analysis
- Summarizing results into short, comprehensive narratives
- Developing knowledge of problems of the elderly, and particularly Holocaust survivors

Intern Goals:

- Learn and apply archival skills
- Improve historical knowledge
- Improve social work and elder care understanding
- Gain experience with charity and non-profit organizations
- Sharpen creative writing abilities
- Enhance communication and teamwork skills

This internship provides students with knowledge of Jewish history and the experience of the Holocaust, provide essential real-world charity and non-profit experience, and sharpen archiving and writing skills, working under the mentorship of a professional writer and documentary film maker, as well as The Blue Card's professional staff. The student would be able to apply the practical concepts and skills learned in classes to solve actual real-life problems.

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