

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2026 INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Committee on Natural Resources, Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR-04)**

Thank you for your interest in applying for an internship with the Committee on Natural Resources on Chairman Westerman's staff.

The U.S. House of Representatives has [20 Standing Committees](#). These Standing Committees are the permanent Committees of the House that conduct legislative work over a policy issue area, prior to moving bills to the House floor for a vote by the full House of Representatives.

Congressman Westerman serves as the Chairman (i.e. the lead Republican) of the House Natural Resources Committee. Typically, a House Committee with authorizing authority has jurisdiction over a Federal agency. The Natural Resources Committee has authorizing authority over the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). In addition to DOI, the Natural Resources Committee has authorizing authority over the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service, the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service, and a shared authority with the Department of Energy over the U.S. Power Marketing Administrations.

The House Natural Resources Committee considers a wide range of legislation on issues including: American energy production and leasing, fisheries and wildlife management, federal lands access, and tribal issues and the U.S. territories. To learn more about the Committee's jurisdiction, visit our website here: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/about/jurisdiction.htm>

The work of the Committee is comprised of five Subcommittees and our Communications Office:

1. Energy and Mineral Resources (EMR);
2. Federal Lands (FL);
3. Indian and Insular Affairs (IIA);
4. Oversight and Investigations (O&I); and
5. Water, Wildlife and Fisheries (WWF).

You can learn more about the Chairman's vision and policy objectives on our website: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/>

This application has two sections. Section I asks general background questions, and Section II list questions to allow us to get to know you a bit better. Please respond as thoroughly and thoughtfully as you can. All applications will be run through an AI tool to ensure honesty and accuracy in responses.

We look forward to reviewing your application!

## **INTERNSHIP:**

You are applying for a 2026 Summer Internship Position with the House Natural Resources Committee – Majority (Republican) staff.

The House Natural Resources Committee's summer internship program is one session spanning the duration of the summer. Please confirm if you are available for the duration of the program.

**Yes, I am available for the duration of the program: June 1-July 23, 2026.**

**If not, please list your available dates here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you planning to apply for an internship in Congressman Westerman's D.C. office for the summer and/or have you already applied?** Yes  No

**If selected for a summer internship, you will be asked to sign an intern agreement which includes our social media policy. Please list all of your social media handles/accounts, and indicate if the account is private or public**

---

---

---

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Once you have completed this application, please attach a cover letter, and any letters of recommendation, and submit the completed form to our email address:

[HNRRepublicanInternships@mail.house.gov](mailto:HNRRepublicanInternships@mail.house.gov).

If you have any questions regarding the questions and content on this application, please call the Committee on Natural Resources at (202) 225-2761.

### **I. BACKGROUND**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resident/Constituent of Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District:**  **Yes**  **No**

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation** – Please attach to your completed application

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **II. QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

Please utilize as much space as is needed to complete your answers to the following questions:

- 1. Describe any relevant coursework, projects, or extracurricular activities that demonstrate your interest in interning for the Natural Resources Committee:**

2. **Why do you want to intern with the Natural Resources Committee specifically, and how do you envision contributing to Chairman Westerman's goals?**

3. **What areas of the Committee's jurisdiction interest you, and why? If our Office of Communications, or a specific Subcommittee is of interest, please explain.**

**4. What skills do you have to bring to this internship? What skills do you hope to leave on internship with?**

**5. Describe your political ideology, and how it aligns with the values of the work of the Majority of the Committee on Natural Resources?**

6. **How do you stay informed about political developments and policy changes related to natural resources issues?**

7. Explain a specific event or policy related to natural resources that has captured your attention, and how you think it could be improved or addressed.