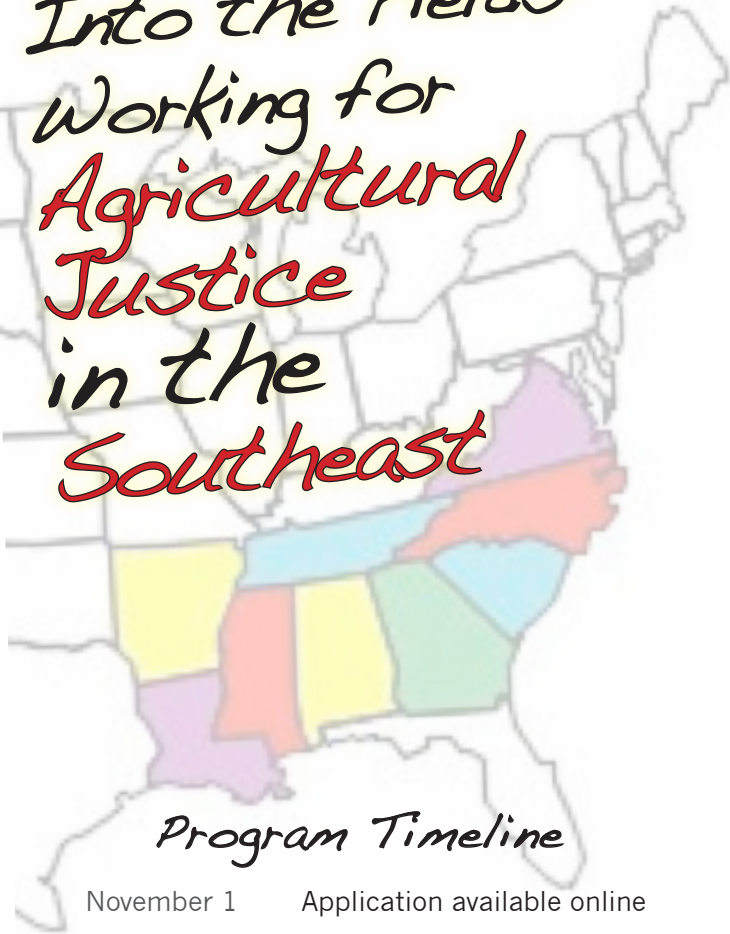


Into the Fields: Working for Agricultural Justice in the Southeast



Program Timeline

November 1	Application available online
February 11	Application deadline
February 21-25	Applicant Interviews
March 8	Applicants notified of Selection/Waitlist/Decline
March 15	Deadline to accept position or be on the waitlist
March 27- Apr 2	Farmworker Awareness Week
June 1-6	SAF Orientation (NC)
June 8	First day of on-site work
July 8-10	Mid-Retreat (NC)
August 3	Last day of on-site work
August 5-7	Final Retreat (NC)
August 7-8	Participants travel home

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The Into the Fields Internship



A Life-Changing Experience

Many people don't think about where their food comes from; they just go to the grocery store and buy it, unaware of the people who produce it.

Farmworkers have one of the most dangerous jobs and are among the lowest paid workers in the U.S. They face discrimination, heat illness, pesticide exposure, poor housing, and low wages.

Farmworkers have a long history of organizing, standing up for better working and living conditions through labor unions and community organizations. By participating in ITF you can be a part of this tradition!

How would you like to spend your summer supporting the people who plant and harvest the fruits and vegetables you eat everyday?

Through Into the Fields you will support farmworker agencies and get trained on the issues surrounding farmworkers' lives and the broader context of the agricultural industry.

Each summer, Student Action with Farmworkers places 30 college students with organizations that serve, organize or advocate for farmworker justice. SAF interns come from diverse backgrounds and about half are from farmworker families.

Discover how Into the Fields can change your life

Where You'll Work

Most interns live & work in rural agricultural areas in the Southeast- we place you at an organization based on your skills & interests. All placements consist of at least 50% office work as well as some outreach to farmworkers, their children, or meat processing workers. Placement types:

Legal Assistance positions provide free legal assistance such as know your rights trainings, educational materials, translation, assisting lawyers with paperwork & research. Outreach varies but can be 1-3 times/week.

Health Agency positions provide health education trainings, interpretation, case management & coordinate transportation to clinics. Outreach varies but can be 1-5 times/week.

Migrant Education positions advocate for improved educational opportunities for Latino, migrant & immigrant youth. Interns may teach ESL classes, mentor students & educate parents about graduation requirements through migrant education programs. Outreach varies but can be 1-3 times/week

Community Organizing positions support field & meat processing workers as well as immigrant workers. Interns have organized know your rights trainings, educated health agencies about human trafficking, produced a documentary about immigration & developed a bike program for farmworkers. Outreach is less frequent.

Theater & Documentary*

In addition to working full-time at a farmworker organization, SAF interns work on one of the following projects:

Theater students will use skits to initiate dialogue among farmworkers and to mobilize them to come up with solutions to the issues they face. Performances take place in labor camps in Eastern NC and address issues important to workers; the 2011 topic is HIV & STI prevention.

*Interns may submit a proposal to fulfill an academic requirement at their school in lieu of a theater or documentary project, if they meet SAF's standards.

Documentary students will get to know an individual or family more in-depth by documenting their lives through interviews, photography, and creative writing. The 2011 focus will be on the meanings of home & work for farmworkers and their families.

APPLY ONLINE!

Starting Nov. 1st 2010



Are You Eligible?

To qualify you must speak intermediate or advanced Spanish. To be preferred you must check yes to one of the following:

- I am a college student from a farmworker family (anywhere in the U.S.)
- I am a student currently attending college in the Southeastern U.S.
- I am a student from the Southeast (the southeast is your home; you grew up there; your parents still live there, etc.)



Benefits

\$1350 total per diem, free furnished housing, and \$1500 scholarship, free trainings, and academic credit available

Expectations

In order to participate in ITF, you must:

- Fundraise \$650 to contribute to the program
- Work 40 hours per week
- Participate in the entire program from June 1-August 7, 2011
- Write 4 guided journals
- Conduct a community awareness project during the summer
- Complete a documentary or theater project*
- Be willing to drive/travel long distances to trainings and to outreach to farmworkers (1-4 hrs/ day, 2-5 days/week)

