

# Into the Fields: Working for Agricultural Justice in the Southeast

## Program Timeline

January 1	Application available online
Feb 11	Application deadline
Feb 23-27	Applicant Interviews
March 10	Applicants notified of Selection/Waitlist/Decline
March 16	Deadline to accept position or be on the waitlist
Mar 29- Apr 4	Farmworker Awareness Week
June 1-6	SAF Orientation (Western NC)
June 8	First day of work
July 10-12	Mid-Retreat (Central NC)
August 7-9	Final Retreat (Central NC)
August 9-10	Students 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 meeting and supporting the people who plant and harvest the fruits and vegetables you eat everyday?

Through Into The Fields you will support and organize with farmworkers and get trained on the issues surrounding their 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 and work in rural agricultural areas in the Southeast- we find furnished housing for you and place you at an organization based on your skills and interests. Here are the placement types:

### Legal Assistance Programs

provide workers resources to free legal assistance and advice. *There are approximately 5 positions available.*

### Health Agencies

address the health needs of farmworkers. *There are approximately 13 positions available.*

**Education & Policy** positions advocate for improved educational opportunities for Latino, migrant and immigrant youth. *There are approximately 4 positions available.*

### Community-Based Organization

positions emphasize broader, community-based solutions to support agriculture & food processing workers. *There are approximately 5 positions available.*

**Union Organizing** positions support agriculture & meat processing workers as they organize in their workplaces. *There are approximately 2 positions available.*

## Theater & Documentary Projects

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, such as health or housing concerns.

**Documentary** students will get to know an individual or family more in-depth by documenting their lives through interviews, photography, and creative writing. Recent projects have focused on cultural traditions and educational aspirations of farmworkers and their families.

# APPLY ONLINE!

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009



## Are You Eligible?

To qualify you must speak intermediate or advanced Spanish. To be preferenced 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. (NC, SC, VA, TN, AR, AL, MS, LA, or GA)
- I am a student from the Southeast (the southeast is your home; you grew up there; your parents still live there, etc.)



## Benefits

\$1250 total per diem, free furnished housing, and \$1500 scholarship, some travel costs, 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 at your placement agency
- Participate in the entire program from June 1-August 9, 2009
- Write guided journals throughout the summer
- Conduct a presentation to the community on farmworkers
- Complete a documentary or theater project

