

# PAUL A. VOLCKER

## Government Internship Award

### Paul A. Volcker Government Internship Award: Frequently Asked Questions

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#### 1. Who is Paul A. Volcker?

Paul A. Volcker was one of America’s most revered public servants. He committed most of his working life to the public good. In founding the [Volcker Alliance](#), he expressed a desire to “empower the public sector workforce to solve the challenges facing our nation.” He set forth a vision of a public sector workforce with the experience, preparation, and commitment to ensure that government is accountable and delivers with excellence.

In the course of his career, Mr. Volcker worked in the United States federal government for almost thirty years, culminating in two terms as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from 1979 to 1987, a critical period in bringing a high level of inflation to an end. In earlier stages of his career, Mr. Volcker served as undersecretary of the treasury for monetary affairs during the early 1970s, a period of historic change in international monetary arrangements. Upon leaving public service, he headed two private, non-partisan Commissions on the Public Service, in 1987 and 2003; both recommended a sweeping overhaul of the organization and personnel practices of the United States Federal Government. His last official role in government service was as head of the President’s Economic Recovery Advisory Board, established by President-Elect Obama in 2008 to help steer the nation through the Great Recession.

#### 2. Why did the Volcker Alliance create this internship award?

As stewards of Mr. Volcker’s legacy, we seek to inspire others with his story and champion his passion for public service in the next generation. We know that internships are critical to entering and advancing in careers, but they are often inaccessible due to being unpaid or low paying. Recognizing these systemic barriers, the PAV Government Internship Award provides financial support to open the door to rewarding opportunities in local, state, and federal government for NextGen Service students. We also aim to raise student awareness about the range of opportunities a career in public service offers, including mission, impact, job security, and pathways for career advancement.

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### 3. Who is eligible to apply for the PAV Government Internship Award?

All currently enrolled undergraduate students at a NextGen Service member university who are in good standing in a NextGen Service program. If you intend to or are interested in pursuing a part-time fall 2022 internship in government at the local, state, or federal level, you are eligible to apply. You must secure your own government internship, but you do *not* need to have the internship confirmed at the time of applying. If you apply and are selected for an award, you will be asked to submit an employer verification form.

Past award recipients may apply for the award but are required to submit different application materials. For more information login to your existing [application account](#).

### 4. What is the amount of the internship award?

Each award recipient will receive \$3,000.

### 5. How do I submit an application?

Click [HERE](#) or type pavinternshipaward.awardsplatform.com into your web browser and register for an account.

- Make sure your name is displayed under “Entry Name” and click “Save + Next.”
- Fill out all the questions under the “Personal Information” tab and click “Save + Next.”
- Complete and submit: 1) a short video resume; 2) one essay question; and 3) one short response question. Click [here](#) for more information on the application process. You will be able to save and return to your entry until the submission period ends on Friday, September 2, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.
- When all the information you entered is correct and you have finalized your written answers, click “Submit Entry.”

You will receive an email confirming that your submission was received.

### 6. When is the deadline to apply for the award?

September 2, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

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### **7. When will the award recipients be announced?**

Selected award recipients will be notified by September 13, 2022.

### **8. What is considered a full-time government internship?**

For the purposes of this award, a part-time fall internship must be at least 15 hours per week, lasting a minimum of 14 weeks. Your internship employer must be a local, state, or federal governmental office or agency.

### **9. If selected for the award, are there any requirements to fulfill after the internship is completed?**

Award recipients will be required to submit proof of internship completion and will be interviewed by a Volcker Alliance staff member to discuss their government internship experience.

### **10. What will the selection committee be looking for when evaluating applications?**

We will be looking for entries that are well organized, thoughtfully composed, and that present a compelling narrative about the values that drive your public service aspirations.

### **11. Am I eligible to apply if I am currently interning for a government office and plan to extend the internship into fall 2022?**

If you are a current intern at a governmental office or agency and there is an opportunity to extend your internship through fall 2022, you may apply for this award.