



## **THE BLAIR COLLINGS INTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **INTERN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicant must have a high school diploma but not a four-year college degree at the time of the internship. Applicants must have attained at least 17 years of age but not more than 24 years, on or before June 1 of the year of the internship. Applicant must be the child or grandchild of a retail lumber and building material owner or employee. The company affiliated with the intern applicant must be a member of an NLBMDA state or regional association.

Applicant must be interested in the lumber and building material industry and have demonstrated this interest in one of several ways: part-time or full-time employment in a lumberyard; enrollment in an industry-related college curriculum; membership in an industry organization for young people; attendance at an NLBMDA conference; or verification from a sponsor that the applicant has firm plans to enter their business in the future.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

All applicants must submit the attached application form with a resume and an essay of no more than 500 words on why he/she wishes to serve as an intern. Because a majority of the selected intern's time will be devoted to federal government affairs, the essay, in part, should address the applicant's interest and/or involvement in government affairs/politics. Applications must be received by March 19, 2010.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

A three-member selection committee composed of past NLBMDA Chairs will review all applications without knowing the identity of the applicant, the sponsor, or any geographic information relative to home or school. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of the status of their applications.

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The intern will spend eight weeks in Washington, DC, beginning in June 2010 in the NLBMDA office. The intern will attend industry-related coalition meetings, observe the U.S. Congress, write issue summaries and conduct other research pertinent to Congressional or Federal Agency issues. The primary emphasis of the internship will be on federal government affairs, but the intern will also be involved with the overall operation of the national association. A stipend of \$2,500 will be paid to the intern in installments during the course of the internship to off-set expenses for the eight-week stay in Washington.

National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
**BLAIR COLLINGS INTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS APPLICATION**

**NOTE: Application must be received by March 19, 2010.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR (Affiliated Company) INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Regional Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY *The applicant must attest to the following:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby attest that:  
*(Name of Applicant)*

I am the child or grandchild of a retail lumber and building material business owner or employee and the company is a member of an NLBMDA state or regional association.

I have a high school diploma but will NOT have completed a four-year degree program by June 1, 2010.

I will be at least 17 years of age but not more than 24 on June 1, 2010.

My involvement, experience, and interest in the lumber and building material industry includes:

- 1) Full-time or part-time work in a lumberyard; 2) Enrollment in an industry-related college curriculum; 3) Membership in an industry organization for young people; or 4) Attendance at an NLBMDA Summit or Legislative Conference. (*NOTE: If none of these experiences apply, parent or legal guardian must verify plans to enter the business in the future.*)

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

Please enclose a resume listing some of your interests and experiences that might help the committee evaluation process.

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper (**no company letterhead**), submit an essay of 500 words or less explaining why you wish to serve as a summer intern in NLBMDA's Government Affairs Department. The essay will be a major evaluative tool in the selection process.

CERTIFICATION

A. I certify that all the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have reviewed the applicant's background information submitted with this application and that it is true to the best of my knowledge. If the intern applicant has not yet been actively involved in the building material industry, I hereby attest that he or she will become an active participant in my lumber and building material business at the appropriate time in his or her career.

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:**

**NLBMDA Attn: Michael O'Brien  
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Washington, DC 20036**

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