



Wise Up! Summer Program
7th Annual Internship
Deadline: May 13th, 2016



Since 2001, Wise Up! – a project of CHIRLA – has been the foundation of immigrant youth organizing in Los Angeles and across the state of California. Wise Up! was created when immigrant students began organizing and advocating for the passage of AB540 – a California bill that allows students to pay in-state tuition regardless of their immigration status. Twelve years later, Wise Up! continues to be one of the few high school student-led groups focused on immigrant rights. Wise Up! strives to work on promoting higher education amongst undocumented and immigrant students, as well as other issues that affect the immigrant community. In 2012, CHIRLA'S Wise Up! was honored with the 2012 Latino Heritage Award by Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa primarily for the work Wise Up! students put in that year to educate over 3,000 students, parents, counselors, and educators on issues such as AB 540, the California Dream Act, and Deferred Action.

Wise Up!'s Summer Program is a **six week non-paid internship** where high school students with a strong desire to get involved in their community will have the opportunity to learn about organizing and advocating for immigrant rights. In addition to personal and professional development, by the end of the program, interns will have a grasp on organizing basics, event planning, and benefit from peer college counseling. Students will also take part in CHIRLA and Wise Up!'s general activities and actions. The Summer Program will culminate with a Northern California College Tour Trip where we will visit five to six colleges/universities.

Program Calendar:

- May 13th, 2016: Applications must be post-marked or delivered in person by May 13th, 2016 to be considered for the internship.
- May 27th, 2016: Potential accepted interns will be contacted by phone.
- June 8th, 2016: Mandatory Student and Parent Orientation at 6pm.
- Summer Program Schedule: June 21st -July 21st , 2016
 - Tuesdays: 10am – 4pm
 - Wednesdays: 12pm – 6pm
 - Thursdays: 10am – 4pm
- Northern CA College Tour Trip: Week of July 25th- 28th (3-4 days)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a high school student in Los Angeles County.
- Must be a high school student.
- Must come from an immigrant family.
- Must demonstrate interest in participating and/or becoming active on immigrant rights issues and/or other progressive social justice causes (in school or local community).
- Student must commit to full program calendar.
- Must attend student and parent orientation on June 9th at 6pm at the CHIRLA office.

Summer Program Activities:

- Interns will receive professional development workshops such as Public Speaking, and writing a Resume.
- Interns will participate in Organizing 101 workshops to learn and comprehend who is an organizer as well as practice using their organizing skills.
- Interns will write/review a college application essays/prompts; receive other college-bound workshops.
- Interns will receive hands-on fundraising experience by fundraising for the Northern CA College Tour (this will benefit the student in the near future since they will learn tactics to fund their own education).
- Interns will participate in CHIRLA's general organizing activities and events that are in and outside of the offices.

Application Materials:

- Wise Up! Summer Program Application** - Please complete application in full.
- One Short Written Prompt:**
 - ONE (1) Personal Statement (400 words maximum)** – Include the following:
 - Describe your background – family, financial, academic, and community
 - What drives you to be involved in immigrant or immigrant student issues? Give examples of community involvement you have done or would like to do.
- High School Transcripts** - Submit most current high school transcripts. You may submit an unofficial or official transcript.

Application Instructions:

1. Send only application materials listed above.
2. **Prompt must be typed with a one-inch margin and double-spaced. Font must be Times New Roman and Size 12.**
3. Everything must be mailed together in the following order:
 - a) Summer Program Application (*In front of all documents*)
 - b) Written Prompt
 - c) Transcripts
4. Application must be postmarked, delivered in person, or faxed **by May 13th** to the address below.
5. Emailed applications will **not** be accepted
6. Incomplete applications will **not** be reviewed. Applications missing any of the required documents are considered incomplete.
7. Selected participants will be **notified by Friday May 27th, 2016**
8. **Regret letters will not be sent.**
9. For more information please contact Diana Ramos at dramos@chirla.org
10. **Please mail your application to the address below:**

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Wise Up! Summer Program
Attn: Diana Ramos
2533 W 3rd. Street, Suite 101, Los Angeles, CA 90057

or Fax to the following number (213)353-1344



Wise Up! 7th Annual Summer Program Application

All information will be kept confidential



Personal Information:

Name: _____
Last Middle First

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: Female Male Ethnicity: _____

E-Mail: _____ Main Phone: (____) ____-____

Academic Information:

High School of Attendance: _____ Grade level in Fall 2016: _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ *(This will not affect your application.)*

School Address: _____

Are you an active member of an immigrant youth club? If so, describe your participation below.

Higher Education Plans:

College/University you would like to attend? _____

Intended College Major: _____ Career Goal: _____

Would you be the first in your family to go to college in the United States? Yes No Not Sure

Community Involvement:

Please tell us about what extracurricular activities and/or community service you are involved in. Do you have any leadership positions? Please describe.

How did you find out about this Summer Program? (If a person referred you, please state name and contact information, if available):

Summer Program Commitment:

Participation in all of the following dates is required to be part of the program. We will only make exceptions in certain circumstances. Please check off the dates that you will **NOT** be able to attend and provide us with a detailed explanation below.

- Mandatory Orientation:** June 8th at 6pm.
- Summer Program** June 21-July 21, 2015 ***meeting times subject to change.
 - Tuesdays: 10am - 4pm
 - Wednesdays: 12pm - 6pm
 - Thursdays: 10am - 4pm
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By signing below, I hereby proclaim that all information in this entire application is factual and true to the best of my knowledge. The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) may disqualify this application should any information be incomplete or inaccurate. I give CHIRLA permission to (1) cite sections of my application, without using my full name, to help publicize the “Wise Up! Summer Program”; (2) use information in this application, without using my full name, for campaign purposes; and (3) research purposes.

Print Name	Applicant Signature	Date
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