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Dear Potential Intern,

Programs:

Detroit
Summer
Outreach

Urban
Encounter

StreetTeam
Leadership
Program

EDIFYOUTH @
Cornerstone
Schools

Bezalel
Project

Gospel
Lords

MercY Team

May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you! I'm grateful for your interest in Detroit Summer Outreach. Since 1995 we have been bringing college students into Detroit to live together and work with inner-city youth. Although plans for the upcoming summer are proceeding well, our success depends on finding young people like you with a special heart to serve. We're looking for dedicated young people who want to leave behind their normal summer life to do something radically different; people who truly care, who want to give their summer away for the sake of other youth in need. You may be one of them! Please consider whether or not the Lord may be calling you to be a part of our team.

There will be a lot going on in Detroit this summer. As a DSO intern, you will be working with a lot of different people in a lot of different ways. You will get a chance to work with Cornerstone Schools, a group of Christ-centered schools in the city. You will help with Bezalel Project, a neighborhood academic, arts, and leadership training program, as well as Vacation Bible Schools, or else you will work with high school youth on StreetTeam, our summer youth employment program. You will also live in a men's or women's household with other interns in the Woodbridge neighborhood or elsewhere in the city, and participate in Christian community life with Detroit Community Outreach.

A summer in Detroit with DSO has the potential to change your life. You will see things you have never seen before, and you will share many new experiences with your fellow interns. The intense service will force you to lean on the Lord more than you ever have before. You will go away having made a difference for young people in Detroit, but even more you will go away as a very different person yourself. That's our aim.

Here are a few details you need as you make your decision:

We require all interns to be present for the entire program. We start the summer on May 28th with essential training and orientation, and end the summer after an important closing retreat to debrief on July 31st. You must plan to arrive at the start of the program and stay until the end. Please also note that you will have the weekend of July 4 off. Our schedule is really full, so it normally isn't possible to leave on other weekends. Your goal should be to keep the entire two months free for mission and service.

In order to keep our focus in the right place and to avoid trouble in relationships, we ask that all of our interns give up dating relationships during the summer program, and avoid relating in a way that tends to be exclusive and promotes "special" male-female relationships.

We require interns to avoid any alcohol and tobacco during the summer.

Your use of media will be limited. We ask that you take in only those movies, television programs, music, and other influences that you have evaluated in the light of God's word (see Philippians 4:8). Also, please don't bring your computer or cell phone along for the summer unless you are specifically asked to bring it for program purposes.

Finally, you won't have access to email or facebook, and your phone use will be limited.

And last, a word about finances. YouthWorks-Detroit is raising enough money to cover the bulk of the expenses for these programs. However, we do ask you to raise \$1500.00 to help cover a portion of the costs such as food, transportation, training materials, and conference fees. You can also raise additional financial support so you can pay for school or other bills in the fall. If you raise a total of \$3,000, your take-home pay at the end of the summer will be about \$1,200 after taxes (\$1,500 gross). If you raise \$4,000, your take-home pay will be about \$2,000 after taxes (\$2,500 gross). Raising support forms a major part of our missionary work here. Of course, it is unlikely that you'll make a substantial profit! Rather, we encourage you to view this as an opportunity to give a generous response to the Lord and to witness Him provide for his servants.

This may seem confusing, but I encourage you to offer it in prayer, talk about it and decide if you're serious about trying to be an intern. Then fill out the online application and send us completed referrals. We will contact you for an interview and make a decision about acceptance. After that we'll go through all this with you in detail and get you started on raising money for your personal support.

There is an opportunity waiting for you to join with the Lord and with other dedicated men and women to make a difference—a big difference—in the city of Detroit. You will be blessed to be here, and you will go away changed forever. This may be the time in your life to heed a special call. A call to serve. I pray that it is.

God bless you,



Joshua Rock