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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2026 COMMUNITY LINKS SUMMER INTERNSHIP  
PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**Sandusky, Ohio, November 14, 2025** — Erie County Community Foundation is once again pairing college students with area nonprofits in an effort for students to gain valuable real-world experience. The 2026 Community Links Summer Internship Program application is now available at <https://www.eriefoundation.org/internships>.

Since 2013, Erie County Community Foundation has teamed with local nonprofits and municipal organizations to offer college students real-world experience in nonprofit organizations. From creating marketing campaigns at the Parkvue Community, measuring water samples at the Erie County Health Department, or helping with puppies and kittens at the Humane Society of Erie County, student interns can give back to their community, earn money for school, and gain real-world exposure to the nonprofit workplace.

**How it works:**

- Local college undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students are paid for a 10-week summer internship with Erie County nonprofits and public organizations;
- Students are paid \$15.00/hour, based on a 40-hour work week;
- Students gain first-hand knowledge of the Erie County nonprofit community, its leadership, and organizations;
- A committee at the Community Foundation pairs student applicants with Erie County organizations, based on applicant's area of study and agencies looking for that skillset;
- Previous interns have worked for various organizations, including: Sandusky Library, Back to the Wild, City of Sandusky, Parkvue Community, Huron City Schools, Erie County Economic Development Corp., Main Street Vermilion, Humane Society of Erie County, and Ability Works, among others.

This is a great opportunity for college students to gain real-world nonprofit experience, and for employers to conduct important short-term projects while meeting talented future employees. Students are encouraged to apply at: <https://www.eriefoundation.org/internships>. Completed application materials must be received by Monday, February 9, 2026. Individuals will be notified by phone if selected for an interview, and the Community Foundation will select finalists by the end of February and announce interns shortly thereafter.

The 2026 Community Links Summer Internship Program is made possible by donations from Randolph and Estelle Dorn Foundation, Sidney Frohman Foundation, Murray and Murray

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### **About Erie County Community Foundation**

Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, Erie County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building a thriving and vibrant Erie County, Ohio. The organization addresses community needs, provides leadership, and cultivates resources for a lasting impact. The organization's primary purpose is to provide a means for people to make permanent gifts of assets to enhance the quality of life in Erie County and Sandusky, Ohio—today, tomorrow, and forever.

Erie County Community Foundation is governed by an independent Board of Directors and Officers, comprised of Erie County business, civic, and non-profit leaders. The Board of Directors employs Foundation staff, establishes policies and priorities, and directs final grantmaking decisions. The Board's strength lies in the diverse range of knowledge and expertise of its members, and in their shared commitment to improving the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

Since Erie County Community Foundation's founding in 1995, the Foundation has grown from assets totaling \$1.8 million to more than \$44.5 million in 2024. During this time, the Foundation has distributed over \$24.4 million to area non-profits and students for local projects, programs, scholarships, services, and initiatives to improve the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

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