CeaseFirePA Campus Coordinator

CeaseFirePA is Pennsylvania’s leading gun violence prevention coalition – including tens of thousands of survivors, victims, mayors, law enforcement officials, activists, and students who are dedicated to taking a stand against the rising threat of gun violence in communities across Pennsylvania. Every year 1200 Pennsylvanians are shot and killed with a gun. More than half of those deaths are murders, and virtually every single murder is committed by a person who was not legally allowed to purchase or own a firearm.

In recent years, college campuses have been the sites of some of the worst gun violence tragedies our nation has experienced. They are also ground zero for many of the debates over what precautions public and private institutions should take to improve safety from deadly firearms in dangerous hands.

In an effort to engage more voices in the conversation about how best to fight back against gun violence, CeaseFirePA is offering Campus Coordinator positions at colleges and universities across Pennsylvania to introduce their peers to the issue of gun violence and lead discussions about proposed remedies to cut back on the easy accessibility of illegal firearms to prohibited purchasers.

Campus Coordinators will be part of a statewide network of organizers working together to expand the audience of people learning about the issue, and preparing supporters to take action on campus and in their local communities to put in place commonsense reforms to prevent gun violence. Campus Coordinators will have an opportunity to interact with local elected officials and law enforcement. Through CeaseFirePA, Campus Coordinators will also be connected to national networks including Mayors Against Illegal Guns (New York City), the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (Washington DC), and the Legal Community Against Gun Violence (California), and others.

Campus Coordinators will engage in regular conference calls to learn about latest issues and compare progress with counterparts across the state. Once a semester, Coordinators will be invited to a conference, to interact in person with their team, staff, law enforcement, and elected officials. Coordinators will be encouraged to draft articles and blog posts to be published in campus and local publications as well as on the new CeaseFirePA multimedia website launching soon.

Prerequisites
- Must currently be enrolled as undergraduate or graduate student at a Pennsylvania college or university
- Experience using social media to organize and communicate
- Strong writer, ability to conduct research and distill key facts to share with local network
- Comfortable speaking with groups and engaging in dialogue with peers and new people
- Willing to get involved in an issue the evokes strong emotions from people on both sides
- Previous issue or political campaign experience a plus, but not required

Compensation
- Depending on institution guidelines, students may receive course credit or a performance based stipend at the conclusion of the semester.

To apply or for more information, please email info@ceafirepa.org, with subject line “CAMPUS COORDINATOR,” or call (215) 923-3151

Thank you