

Section II. Skills / Interests

A. What type of work would you be most interested in doing during your internship?

B. Where would you like to do your internship?* (Number in order of preference.)

_____ CCHD diocesan office in your local area - please specify city/state: _____

_____ Other city/state - please specify: _____

_____ CCHD National office in Washington, D.C.

Are you flexible as to the location of the placement? _____

*Note: Not all dioceses apply for internship funding each year. The dioceses that are accepting CCHD interns this year are listed in the chart at <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/internship.shtml>. Please apply *only* to those dioceses listed on the chart.

C. Are you a practicing Catholic? Yes No

D. Please indicate the **time period(s)** in which you would like to receive an internship by **numbering** them in order of preference, 1 being the first preference:

_____ Summer (end of May-beginning of Aug) _____ Fall semester (Aug-Dec)

_____ School year (Aug-May) _____ Other _____

E. Please list computer skills below. Include your level of knowledge of specific programs.

F. List below your abilities to communicate in any languages other than English.

Language	Understanding (weak, good, fluent)	Speaking (weak, good, fluent)	Reading (weak, good, fluent)	Writing (weak, good, fluent)

G. What else do you feel we should know in selecting an appropriate placement for you?

Section III: Motivations / Expectations

A. What draws you to the CCHD internship program? What do you hope to gain from an internship with CCHD?

B. What talents and abilities would you bring to the CCHD internship program?

C. Describe how your faith has influenced your values and choices in life.

D. How would you describe your knowledge/understanding of Catholic social teaching (i.e., “option for the poor,” “dignity of work & rights of workers”)? Would you be open to learning more about the Catholic Church’s social teaching?

E. In *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops stated, “As followers of Christ, we are challenged to make a fundamental ‘option for the poor’ - to speak for the voiceless, to defend the defenseless, to assess lifestyles, policies, and social institutions in terms of their impact on the poor.” We are therefore challenged by the Gospel to “put ourselves on the side of the poor.” What does it mean to “be on the side of the poor?” Can you think of examples when you have chosen to do so in your life?

F. Describe any instances through which you have been exposed to poverty in the United States first hand, either as part of your own life or in your experiences with others. How did such experiences help shape your perspective about poverty in the United States?

G. Income

CCHD has a particular interest in helping low- and middle-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations. Please complete the below responses keeping in mind the following:

“Lower-income” families are clearly defined by federal poverty guidelines. For example, the poverty level for a family of four is \$21,200. This internship program will define as “low-income” families earning up to 100% above this amount. Using this formula, a family of four would be considered low-income if it was making under \$42,400 annually.

Do you rely on your family for the **majority** of your financial needs?

___ Yes—if yes, in which economic bracket would you place **your family**? (please check one)
_____ low-income _____ middle-income _____ high-income

___ No – if no, in which economic bracket would you place **yourself**? (please check one)
_____ low-income _____ middle-income _____ high-income

Section IV: References

Please list 3 people who know you well and are able to judge your general character, motivation and qualifications for becoming a CCHD intern. Include employers, educators, a minister or a religious, co-workers and friends. Do not include relatives.

Name:	Relationship:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-mail:	

Name:	Relationship:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
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I certify that the information I have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ signature of applicant

_____ date

When you have completed the application, please send all materials to the following locations:

1) The diocesan office where you would like to intern (first choice only).

Find diocesan directory contact info at: www.usccb.org/cchd/director.shtml

Individuals applying to the national office in Washington, DC should send application to jrauh@usccb.org.

2) Please send a copy of your application to jrauh@usccb.org or fax to 202/541-3329. Note that your primary copy should go to the diocesan office where you would like to intern.