

## What does the OVA do?

- ◆ Statutorily established as an independent state agency in 1998, the OVA protects and promotes the state constitutional and statutory rights of crime victims in CT.
- ◆ In an effort to disseminate information to as many potential victims as possible, the OVA conducts programs of public education to inform people about the rights of crime victims.
- ◆ The OVA also undertakes legislative advocacy when necessary, and recommends systemic change in state policies and procedures to assist victims of crime.
- ◆ The OVA's statutory mandates include receiving complaints from crime victims, supporters of crime victims, and agencies/entities on behalf of crime victims.
- ◆ The OVA also collaborates with other agencies, non-profit organizations and entities who work with crime victims.

## Our Mission Statement

*"The Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA), seeks to ensure that the victims of crime become an integral part of the criminal justice system. Through public education of the rights and services available to crime victims, collaboration with law enforcement and service providers, as well as court and legislative advocacy, the OVA believes that the voices of crime victims will become a necessary component of our state."*



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## Internship Opportunities: For College & High School Students



## OVA Internship Programs

**College students:** The Office of the Victim Advocate offers unpaid student internship opportunities for Undergraduate and Graduate students during the fall, spring and summer semesters.

**High School students:** Opportunities are also available for High School junior and senior students during the summer.

**Interns with the OVA have the opportunity to gain experience and work in the following areas:**

- ◆ Law/Public Policy
- ◆ Business Administration
- ◆ Criminal Justice/Political Science
- ◆ Communications/Public Relations/  
Journalism

**If you are interested in becoming an intern with the OVA, please submit a:**

- ◆ Completed OVA Internship Application
- ◆ Cover letter
- ◆ Copy of school transcript
- ◆ One page statement regarding interest
- ◆ High School Students also need a letter of recommendation from a teacher

## What would an intern do?

- ◆ Visit local courthouses.
- ◆ Work on specialized projects.
- ◆ Assist with public outreach and education projects.
- ◆ Attend important task force meetings.
- ◆ And much more!

## Application Deadlines

Semester	Deadline
<i>Fall</i>	<i>July 1<sup>st</sup></i>
<i>Spring</i>	<i>November 1<sup>st</sup></i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>April 1<sup>st</sup></i>

*\*Late applications may be considered.*



## Why the OVA?

- ◆ Help advance the rights of crime victims.
- ◆ Work with a dedicated team of professionals.
- ◆ Gain legislative knowledge and experience.
- ◆ Gain experience in state service.
- ◆ Strengthen your interpersonal, communication, and research skills.
- ◆ Prepare for your career path.
- ◆ Develop a project of interest to you.



**For complete application and instructions please visit:  
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