

**Saint Francis University**  
**Center for the Study of Government and Law**

**E.G. “Bud” Shuster Memorial Scholarship and  
Government Internship Program**

**Background**

The E.G. “Bud” Shuster Memorial Scholarship and Government Internship Program is intended to support summer internships in the U.S. Congress or the Pennsylvania General Assembly for deserving Saint Francis University students. The program provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience the inner workings of an elected official’s office and learn how a legislative body operates as an institution.

**Who is eligible?**

The internship is open to Saint Francis University students with a preference for residents of Pennsylvania, but without regard for gender, race, religion, or ethnicity. Applicants must identify as Republicans or conservatives and demonstrate a commitment to public service.

**Criteria for awarding the scholarship**

The selection process is competitive. A committee will evaluate applications before conducting interviews with candidates during the spring semester. The successful candidate will have a strong academic background, possess good communication and research skills, and have a genuine interest in the legislative processes and serving the public. Personal integrity and discretion in dealing with confidential and/or sensitive legislative matters are required. Applicants must thrive on organization, have keen attention to detail, be relentlessly adaptable, and able to deliver on multiple, simultaneous deadlines.

The committee annually awards three annual scholarships and government internships including:

- One six-week internship in a Congressional office in Washington, D.C. The internship includes a \$5,000 stipend to defray housing and other living expenses.

- One six-week internship with a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly representing Bedford County. The internship includes a \$2,500 stipend to defray housing and other living expenses.
- One six-week internship with a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly representing Blair County. The internship includes a \$2,500 stipend to defray housing and other living expenses.

There is some flexibility in scheduling, but the internship must be completed prior to July 31.

### **Application Procedure**

To apply for this opportunity, please complete the application on the following pages and include:

- a cover letter
- your resume
- a copy of your current transcript
- a minimum 250-word essay describing your reasons for wanting to pursue this internship and how they align with your values as a conservative.

Please forward your application materials to:  
Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D., President  
Office of the President, Scotus 301

**DUE DATE:** First Friday in February.

**Your Information**

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Prefix:

First Name:

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Last Name:

Suffix:

Date of Birth:

**Your Contact Information**

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Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email:

Cell Number:

Home Number:

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Phone Number:

**Other Applicant information**

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Political affiliation:

Courses you have taken that have direct relevance to this placement (e.g., American National Government, Legislative Process, Public Policy, etc.):

List skills applicable to internship:

List specific issues or policy matters that matter to you and explain why:

Have you served in a prior internship? If yes, with whom?

### **Academic Information**

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Year in School (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th):

Anticipated Graduation Date:

GPA:

Major: