APPLICATION
2016 WINTER TERM CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP

DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 6th by 12:00 noon
Politics Department, Rice 216

Name___________________________  OCMR_____Phone_________ Age_____________

Class: 1 2 3 4 Major___________ E-mail__________________________________________

Computer skills:______________________________________________________________

Hometown:_________________________________________________________________

House Representative and Senators (your home district):
__________________________________________________________

Please answer these questions on another sheet:

1. Why would you like to do this internship?

2. Have you had any college-level course work in American politics? If so, what?

3. Have you had any political experience? If so, what?

4. Have you had any experience working in offices before? If so, what?

5. Please list, in order of preference, five Congressional offices in which you would like to be placed. If you don’t know where you’d like to work, check Senators’ and Congresspeople’s websites to determine their committee assignments and particular interests. We cannot guarantee placement in any office, but will try to accommodate you.

6. Do you have particular substantive policy (education, healthcare, etc.) interests? If so, what are they?

7. Describe a situation in which customs, practices, and appropriate behavior were new to you. How did you adjust, and what did you learn?

8. Describe a situation in which your observational skills and sensitivity to subtle facts were tested.

9. Will you need to find housing (If you cannot prevail upon parents of friends, family, or alumi you know to house you)?

10. Please provide the name of the faculty member you have asked to write a recommendation in support of your application.
As part of your application, please also submit the following:

1. A one-page resume

2. Two typed letters of the sort that a Member of Congress might send to a constituent in response to the constituent’s letter. One letter supports the view of the constituent; one does not. Below is the letter to which you should respond. No letter should exceed one page.

Dear Representative:

Let’s get rid of all the red tape and bureaucracy involved in so-called environmental regulations. A person has the right to buy, sell, or use his property as he wishes whether or not it is swampland. We should not be putting plants, animals and birds ahead of people. What are you doing to protect property rights against the radical environmentalists?

A Constituent

3. One letter of recommendation must be submitted using the form on the following page. You should ask a faculty member or staff member who has known you at Oberlin. The letter should be sent directly to the Politics Department, Attention: Congressional Internship, Rice 216, 10 North Professor Street, Oberlin, OH 44074-1095. It must arrive by 12:00 noon Tuesday, October 6th in the Politics Department, Rice 216.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
RECOMMENDATION: CONGRESSIONAL WINTER TERM INTERNSHIP

To the writer of the recommendation:___________________________________________________

Please submit this page with your evaluation. You may write on this page or another, but comments should not exceed 400 words. We ask you to convince us of the maturity, competence, and responsibility of the applicant. Please submit to: Politics Department, Attention: Congressional Internship, Rice 216, 10 North Professor Street, Oberlin, OH 44074-1095.

*Recommendation must arrive by Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 @ 12:00 noon. Thank you.

Name of Applicant:_____________________________________________________________________

Writer of Recommendation:_________________________________________________________________

(print name)

Writer of Recommendation: __________________________________________________________________

/signature

*Your signature above attests to your acknowledgment that this recommendation will be read by the student intern coordinator, Amelia Gallay, and by Congressional or other offices considering placement of the individual recommended.