



**Summer 2026 - PAGE College Internship Application**

(Limit your answers to 200 words per question.)

1. Why do you want to work with PAGE and serve girls and young women of Appalachia?
2. Explain how your background, experiences, or knowledge would help you to contribute to two or more of our Summer 2026 projects:
  - Helping adolescent girls connect with literature by leading small book groups
  - Helping rural high school girls create new pathways to college and/or future career goals
  - Serving as a Documentary Intern — this specific role would work closely with our Communications Specialist to document the on-the-ground experiences of our Summer Program (prior experience with photography, videography, or social media marketing is ideal)
  - Contributing to a STEAM Lab focusing on sustainability (especially in the fields of Agriculture/Food & Textiles/Fashion & Architecture/Housing)
  - Contributing to a Story Lab focusing on creative storytelling
3. How would serving as a PAGE intern be relevant to your academic studies and/or post-graduation goals?
4. Share a time when you explored a topic that fell outside of your comfort zone. What new or unexpected things did you learn? And, importantly, what did you learn about yourself through that process?
5. The PAGE Summer Internship offers a tremendous opportunity for growth and learning. There are two immersive experiences over the Summer; for example, in 2025 the interns engaged in an Aquatic Ecology Lab in June and an Appalachian Foodways Lab in July. As such, it is mentally rigorous and physically demanding, including full days of work (9-4, M-F, and some prep work in the evenings); two overnight field trips where you are expected to be a chaperone; participation in outdoor activities such as walking and hiking; and emotional labor that comes with mentoring adolescents.

- Have you had experiences managing this kind of workload in the past? If so, please tell us how those experiences would prepare you for this internship. If not, how would you prepare to successfully navigate this workload? What other life experiences would you draw upon? \*If you would need additional support to fulfill this role, please share this with us now.\*
- 6. What college or university do you currently attend? How many years of study have you completed?
- 7. Does your school (or program) provide any internship financial support that you could be eligible for in Summer '26? If you were chosen as a PAGE intern, would you need housing on UNCA's campus, prefer to find your own local housing, or would you live "at home" and commute? The programming dates are June 1 - July 24th, 2026.
- 8. Attach a copy of your current resume that includes the email/phone contact information for two professional and/or academic references.

**Application deadline: February 27, 2026**  
(This is a rolling deadline. We invite applications ASAP.)

Candidates should email applications to: Programs Director, Maia Surdam:  
maia.surdam@pageprograms.com OR  
submit an application via handshake if relevant for your college/university.  
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**Inspire. Educate. Empower.**

Our mission in PAGE is to empower girls so they can become leaders in an ever-evolving Appalachia.