

Hello ya'll!  
IT'S FINALLY FALL!



## It's Intern Business Application Time!

Applications for area businesses to host a Nex-Generation summer intern in 2023 are open through November 30! This year, we had 96 businesses host 142 interns! Next year, we are hoping for 250 interns, which means we need more businesses to apply! You'll provide local area college and high school students with paid, unique, and hands-on career experiences. We even offer a limited number of grants to help offset your internship payroll expenses. For complete details and to apply, click the button below.

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## Why Should Your Business Apply?

Karl Pratt, Executive Director of the Sheridan County Community Foundation and the Main Street Arts Council, located in Hoxie, writes:

"The Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Internship Program is a fantastic opportunity for both area youth and businesses alike. It provides real-life, hands-on job training experience for youth in a variety of industries found in northwest Kansas while also providing businesses with additional seasonal help. The experiences go deeper, however, as the program provides participants with a greater connection and affinity for their communities with the realization that their future lives and careers may be possible and even preferred 'back home' after they've gone off to post-secondary educations and work experiences. Additionally, businesses are connected to the minds of youth who can provide new and innovative perspectives and technical skills.

"I have had the fortune of having intern positions for two organizations, the Sheridan County Community Foundation and Main Street Arts Council. For both organizations, I can't speak highly enough about the internship program and am so grateful it exists. I had an intern focused on marketing tasks for the foundation last year and look forward to another one this summer. The intern had a much greater knowledge of social media 'today' and was able to help with a number of projects related to such. Furthermore, they possessed a keen eye for design and assisted with a number of web, social and print design projects that I had to put off due to lack of time in my one-man shop.

"For the arts council, we have an annual theater festival in which we produce multiple shows in multiple towns. Before we knew about Nex-Gen, we created our own in-house intern positions. However, in the second year and since, we have been able to benefit from participation in the Nex-Gen program which has added, in my opinion, legitimacy and a more thoroughly structured and wholly beneficial experience for the internship positions. This is evidenced through the required public presentations, skill development/project worksheets, evaluations, and leadership events held throughout the internship experience. We are so grateful, this year, to have had all six of our positions offered through the program.

"Lastly, wearing my hat as Economic Development director in Sheridan County, I am so pleased to have seen nine of our local businesses/organizations offer intern positions through the program this year. This number has continued to grow through the years. It is a great example of our local businesses' acknowledgment of the program as well as their investment in the 'next generation' of potential community leaders."



Karl and three Sheridan County Community Foundation and Main Street Arts Council interns at Graduation Day.

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Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper.