

Internships with the Oregon League of Conservation Voters

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters is a non-partisan organization with a diverse membership sharing a common purpose: to educate voters about how their elected officials vote on the environment and to hold those elected officials accountable.

The Marion County Chapter of OLCV plays a vital role in educating the public about key environmental issues that have been/will be decided by our elected officials and then by holding officials accountable for their votes. OLCV is working on publishing Scorecards for the Salem City Council that rate each representative's voting records on conservation issues. OLCV's Scorecard is an essential tool for voters to separate pro-environment candidates from those who just claim they are.

Our core mission is to provide education and training to increase the effective participation of environmentalists in the political arena and to educate elected officials, the media and the public about environmental issues. As an intern, you will be working with Oregon's leading environmental organization, learning about the connection between politics and sound environmental policy, and helping to build the strength of Marion County's conservation community.

Current Internships Available:

Marion County Watchdog / Scorecard Research – This important intern position tracks the environmental issues that Salem City Council are working on. This research is important in three ways: 1) we are able to keep other environmental organizations and activists “in the know” when important issues come up 2) we can use the information to help create the Salem City Council Scorecards to hold elected officials accountable for their environmental voting record, and 3) it can help inform the endorsement process when we are evaluating candidates' voting records. This position requires internet access and a time commitment of approximately 5-6 hours every two weeks to attend or watch the City Council meetings, analyze the agenda to flag potential environmental issues and distribute information about environmental votes. This position will work with OLCV's Marion County Organizer. Work can be done at home.

This is a volunteer position; we are not able to pay interns at this time. We can work with you to design a program for credit. These internships are open through 2009. Interested students should send a resume (preferably by email) to:

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