For 34 years, Rural Vermont has worked to create economic justice for Vermont farmers through education, grassroots organizing and advocacy. We invite you to join our committed team and help to fulfill our vision for a community-based food system which sustains our farmers, our communities, and our lands.

- We offer excellent training with our experienced staff and board members and you will have a variety of professional networking opportunities. We are happy to work with you to fulfill needs you may have for academic requirements, reporting, evaluations, etc.
- We offer flexibility on the number of hours/week, and the length of the internship. We will work with you to create a schedule that is mutually beneficial.
- We will also work with you to develop a clear internship plan with concrete deliverables for your portfolio. We have many projects available and can tailor a project so you learn the skills you want to develop while completing important work in the service of our mission.
- Our internships are unpaid, but we do reimburse for approved out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage to events.
- On successful completion of an internship, Rural Vermont can offer a professional recommendation tailored to your future educational or employment plans.
- Our ideal candidates will be supportive of our mission, self-directed, motivated, and capable of working both independently and collaboratively, as well as have a strong attention to detail and good written and verbal communication skills.

STATEHOUSE ADVOCACY INTERNSHIP – Work with Rural Vermont’s Policy Team to advocate on our priority issues affecting family farmers and their communities. Intern responsibilities will include:

- Attending, monitoring, and taking accurate notes in key legislative committee meetings or floor proceedings;
- Helping to organize Rural Vermont’s educational “Small Farm Advocacy Days” at the State House and schedule meetings for our farmer leaders and activists with legislators;
- Helping Rural Vermont members and activists to prepare and present testimony;
- Contributing to writing periodic State House email updates for our community;
- Assisting in tracking the progress of legislation and contributing to developing strategy on priority issues.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to learn about public policy, issue advocacy and the inner workings of the Vermont legislative process. There will be abundant networking opportunities and personal interaction with experienced legislators, lobbyists and citizen advocates.
You must be comfortable talking with a wide range of people. The type and pace of activities will run the gamut from tedious to exhilarating – you must be able to work effectively at both ends of this spectrum.

You must be available (dependable transportation required which can include bus services) to come to Montpelier Tues through Thurs (schedule may vary later in the legislative session). Weekly schedule will vary and requires some flexibility, but will average 15-20 hours/week most often 8am-1pm. You must be willing and able to dress appropriately for assigned tasks. This internship runs January – April with the possibility of extending into mid-May depending on the legislative session schedule, outcomes of Rural Vermont’s legislative agenda, and your availability.

DEADLINE: Friday, November 1st, 2019 NOTE: These positions will remain open until filled.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, including a brief statement of why you are interested in working with Rural Vermont, your resume, a short writing sample and 3 references to: Rural Vermont, 46 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 ATTN: Winter Internships 2020 OR email the above materials as PDF files to caroline@ruralvermont.org. Please put WINTER INTERNSHIP in the subject line.