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## Rural Internship Program

**Does your Chamber, Economic Development Organization or Department of Tourism need an extra set of hands, but operate on a limited budget?**

CTCOG and the DDCT are accepting applications for the DDCT Rural Internship Program. The Rural Internship Program awards scholarships to economic development entities, including Chambers of Commerce and Departments of Tourism, for the internship of high school Juniors or Seniors in their local area. Students will gain hands-on experience promoting economic development in rural communities, and in turn, the communities will benefit through a bolstering of their economic development efforts and the cultivation of future ambassadors for rural Central Texas.



\$500 scholarships will be awarded to Chambers of Commerce, local Economic Development Organizations or Departments of Tourism within the seven-county CTCOG region.

Student Interns must:

- Be a junior or senior in their local high school.
- Live in a rural community with a population of 20,000 or less based on the 2010 US Census.
- Demonstrate civic awareness and community involvement.
- Maintain an A or B GPA before and during the internship.
- Have written recommendation from a school administrator.
- Have two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers.

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**All rural Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Organizations, and Departments of Tourism in the seven-county CTCOG region are welcome to apply.**

**Deadline to apply is April 1, 2022**

For more details and to download an application, visit the DDCT webpage: [www.ddoct.org](http://www.ddoct.org) or call 254-770-2379.

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