

## ***Student Action with Farmworkers*** – 2 positions

1317 W. Pettigrew Street

Durham, NC [sites throughout NC/SC]

<http://www.saf-unite.org>

**Start date:** June 2, 2008

**About the agency:** Student Action with Farmworkers is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring students and farmworkers together to learn about each other's lives, share resources and skills, improve conditions for farmworkers, and build diverse coalitions working for social change. SAF has been building student-farmworker solidarity since 1992. SAF works with students, who need connections to progressive social movements; farmworkers, one of societies most marginalized populations; as well as farmworker agencies and community groups, which need greater human resources to carry out their work.

**Internship Description:** Into the Fields (ITF) interns will help address basic farmworker needs such as; access to bilingual health care resources, and culturally appropriate health education; access to legal rights information; and will help address issues such as poor housing conditions, unsafe labor practices, and general human rights violations. During the summer, students can choose to participate in a documentary or theater project. Documentary interns document the lives of farmworkers. These documentaries are later used for educational purposes. Interns interested in Protest Theater can be a part of the Levante Theater group, which travels to farmworker camps and performs a play. Interns may be asked to do specific projects for the organizations at which they are placed.

In order to participate in the internship program students must be able to:

- Work 35 – 40 hours per week in the agency where they are placed
- Participate for the entire program (June 2 – Aug 10, 2008)
- Attend SAF Orientation, Mid-retreat and Final Retreat
- Meet regularly with site-supervisor
- Write weekly-guided reports
- Complete basic office duties
- Complete all SAF requirements in a timely manner
- Conduct a community presentation on farmworkers
- Organize educational events and other opportunities to continue supporting farmworkers after the summer program ends

**Skills Needed:** Spoken conversational Spanish skills

**Concentrations of Interest:** Students can expect to learn leadership skills, health education/health promotion skills (specific to health interns), community presentation skills, Spanish speaking/writing skills, legal aid skills (legal aid interns) and advocacy skills. Students from all majors and programs are encouraged to attend.

**Transportation Needed:** A car is helpful but not required