Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
Berea, Kentucky

Mission:

KFTC is a 32-year-old grassroots organization that believes in the power of people working together to challenge injustices, right wrongs, and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians. We work with people to organize in their home communities and across the state. We help everyday community members become extraordinary community leaders. We support community leaders as they build effective organizations. Together, we win important issue campaigns. If you want a better Kentucky - for all of us - join KFTC. Here you will find information, training, and people like you.

KFTC aims to:

- Help people participate
- Empower individuals
- Overcome racism and other forms of discrimination
- Foster democratic values
- Challenge and change unjust institutions
- Build organizations
- Communicate a message of what is possible, shift our worldview
- Win issues that affect the common welfare
- Have fun

Internship Duties:

- Voter Empowerment Intern
  The student will assist in non-partisan efforts to register new voters and inform both voters and candidates for office about important public policy issues affecting all Kentuckians. Activities may include: attending (and perhaps leading) trainings for volunteers interested in helping with voter registration drives, direct outreach to register voters, assisting with plans for candidate forums and non-partisan candidate issue briefings, and assisting with the production of non-partisan voter guides describing candidates’ positions on a broad range of issues.

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- Economic Development Intern:
  The student will assist in statewide efforts to build a healthier, more diverse
economy in Kentucky through working with the Kentucky Sustainable Energy Alliance (KySEA) and the Appalachian Transition Initiative (ATI). KySEA aims to pass statewide energy policy that is both just and moves Kentucky towards clean energy. ATI aims to support a growing movement across Central Appalachia to diversify the economy and transition away from coal-based energy and a mono-economy. The student will assist with research and the development of communications products and materials used to engaged the public in energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts.

Information: [www.kysea.org](http://www.kysea.org) and [www.appalachiantransition.org](http://www.appalachiantransition.org)

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**Mentorship plan**
Administrative staff will provide initial 1-day orientation to organization. After that, student should plan to have weekly meeting by phone or in-person with direct supervisor. Frequent participation in staff and member calls on particular projects and travel to monthly staff and leadership meetings is recommended.

**Transportation:**
A car is required.

This position is not eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award.