



Great Lakes Stewardship Intern

Location: Hybrid/In-Person (Northeast Michigan) or Remote

Reports To: Executive Director

Time Commitment: 10-20 hours per week

Duration: July - August 2026

Compensation: This is an unpaid volunteer internship. Approved internship-related expenses, including mileage and supplies, may be reimbursed. A \$500 stipend for professional development opportunities, including conferences, trainings, and other educational experiences related to the internship may also be supported by GLGR.

About Great Lakes Great Responsibility

Great Lakes Great Responsibility (GLGR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to removing and preventing marine debris throughout the Great Lakes watershed through community action and regional advocacy.

Through community cleanups, environmental education, volunteer engagement, and regional partnerships, GLGR works to protect and preserve the Great Lakes for future generations.

About the Internship

The Great Lakes Stewardship Intern will gain hands-on experience within a growing environmental nonprofit organization. Because GLGR is a small and growing organization, interns will have the opportunity to contribute to a wide variety of projects and gain experience across multiple areas of nonprofit operations. Working closely with the Executive Director, interns will gain exposure to various nonprofit functions, including communications, website management, education, volunteer engagement, fundraising, administration, and program development.

Responsibilities will be tailored to the selected candidate's interests, strengths, and professional goals whenever possible, allowing interns to build meaningful experience in areas most relevant to their future careers.

GLGR welcomes applications from both local and remote candidates. Interns based in Northeast Michigan will have opportunities to gain hands-on experience through participation in beach cleanups, community events, volunteer engagement activities,

and other stewardship initiatives. Remote interns will engage in organizational, programmatic, and development work that supports GLGR's mission across the Great Lakes watershed. Preference will be given to remote applicants who live in or have strong ties to the Great Lakes region.

This is an unpaid volunteer internship designed to provide meaningful learning opportunities and professional experience within the nonprofit and environmental sectors. GLGR may reimburse approved internship-related expenses, including mileage and supplies. Interns may also have access to professional development opportunities, such as conferences, trainings, and educational events that support their personal and professional growth.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities may include:

- Assisting with marketing and communications efforts
- Creating content for social media, newsletters, website updates, and outreach campaigns
- Supporting environmental education and community engagement initiatives
- Assisting with beach cleanups, volunteer events, and stewardship activities
- Conducting research related to marine debris and Great Lakes stewardship
- Supporting fundraising and donor engagement efforts
- Assisting with website management and digital content development
- Providing administrative support for nonprofit operations
- Participating in organizational projects and special initiatives
- Attending GLGR committee meetings, with opportunities to observe board meetings as appropriate

Qualifications

Preferred qualifications include:

- At least 18 years of age
- Passion for the Great Lakes, environmental stewardship, sustainability, or conservation
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Willingness to learn and contribute in a dynamic nonprofit environment

College students are encouraged to apply, but enrollment in a college or university is not required.

Learning Opportunities & Benefits

- Meaningful experience within a mission-driven environmental nonprofit
- Direct mentorship from the Executive Director
- Exposure to nonprofit leadership, governance, and operations
- Opportunities to build professional skills aligned with your interests and career goals
- Networking opportunities with environmental and community leaders throughout the Great Lakes region
- Experience supporting real-world conservation and community engagement efforts
- Potential participation in conferences, trainings, and other professional development opportunities supported by GLGR
- Reimbursement of approved internship-related expenses, including mileage and supplies
- The opportunity to make a tangible impact on Great Lakes conservation

How to Apply

Interested applicants should email their resume to meag@greatlakeslove.org by July 3, 2026.

Great Lakes Great Responsibility is committed to creating an inclusive environment and encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply.