

Thank you for your interest in the 2016 Jackson Free Press Summer Internship program. The JFP Internship program brings together a diverse group of writers who are all interested in improving their skills, learning how to write narrative, and telling the stories that are sometimes left out of the mainstream media.

If selected to be an intern for the JFP, a JFP staffer who most closely meets your needs and matches your interests will be your mentor. In addition to providing you with advice about the field, your mentor will allow you to shadow them on assignments—giving you first hand experience and an opportunity to improve your own interviewing skills.

Interns are allowed to determine their training/shadowing schedules--the only requirements are that you report your schedule to us, and alert someone if/when you will be absent. Additionally, if chosen, it is up to you and your mentor to settle upon a time for weekly meetings. Interns are invited to attend and participate in weekly Editorial Workshops. Lastly, interns will be paid freelance rates for stories that are published.

Please email answers to the following questions to [Adria@jacksonfreepress.com](mailto:Adria@jacksonfreepress.com) as soon as possible:

1. What experience, if any, do you have with journalism-related fields? If you have none, why are you interested in journalism?
2. Why are you interested in interning at the Jackson Free Press specifically?
3. Do you have access to a laptop?
4. How old are you?
5. What, in your opinion, was the most memorable news event of the last year? Why did it stick with you?
6. What type of stories are you most interested in writing?
7. Are you from Mississippi?
8. Please provide two samples of your writing. They don't need to have been published.

Please do not hesitate to email me should you have any questions.

Best,  
Adria Walker