

Administration Division
Budget and Fiscal Management Bureau—Albany
Student Assistant for Procurement
Reference No. BFMB_ PUGS_2025_2

Paid Placement for Undergraduate Students | Application Deadline is June 13, 2025*

The Office of the New York State Attorney General's (OAG) <u>Budget and Fiscal Management Bureau</u> (BFMB) is seeking a motivated student to join its Procurement Unit. BFMB is responsible for the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of OAG's annual budget. BFMB is responsible for maintaining fiscal controls and serves as the agency's liaison with the Governor's Division of Budget and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). There are five main units within BFMB: the Budget Unit, the Purchasing Unit, the Payments Unit, the Travel Unit, and the Revenue Unit.

Under the supervision of BFMB staff, the student will support the bureau's Procurement Unit. The student's responsibilities will include the daily management of the unit's email inbox, records management activities, procurement reconciliations, and other projects as needed. The Procurement Unit will provide the selected student with the training needed to complete the assigned tasks. Applicants must have immediate availability.

Duties:

- Assisting with maintaining the Procurement Unit's mailbox, including reviewing and sorting incoming mail, distributing messages to the appropriate staff contacts, escalating urgent matters, and responding to basic questions;
- Researching purchase orders referenced in emails to the Procurement Unit;
- Logging and tracking purchase requests;
- Records management, including retrieving documents from file storage, preparing records for off-site transfer, and scanning, printing, and filing as needed;
- Reviewing procurement card logs for completeness and following up as needed with OAG staff to request additional information and/or documentation;
- Processing requests for quotes and purchase orders with supervisor oversight;
- Entering data into the Statewide Financial System database; and
- Answering BFMB phones.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Applicants who are pursuing a degree in accounting, economics, finance, business administration, or another related field are desirable:
- Comfort using technology to complete work and proficiency using Word, Excel, and Outlook;
- Displays sound judgment and is capable of handling confidential and sensitive information with discretion;
- Proactive, organized, and detail oriented;
- Ability to prioritize and self-manage multiple time-sensitive tasks effectively; and
- Brings a customer and team-focused mindset to the work with the goal of providing prompt and accurate support to OAG staff and vendors.

Placement Details

The format of this placement is hybrid. Therefore, the selected student must be available to report to work at the
BFMB office in downtown Albany at a schedule specified by their supervisor. On the days the student works
remotely, they need a reliable computer, a secure internet connection, a phone, and a sufficiently quiet and
private workspace to telework.

- To be eligible for a paid placement, applicants must be able to demonstrate they are full-time students in good academic standing as defined by their schools. Applications from students who will be starting college/university during 2025-26 academic year will not be considered.
- Applicants must be available to work 15-20 hours per week during regular business hours. We are seeking applicants who are available to work during the summer and fall terms. *Please be advised rehire for an additional term is possible but neither automatic nor guaranteed*.
- The selected undergraduate student will be hired as a student assistant and paid hourly at the undergraduate student rate, which is \$16.39.
- Applications are accepted online until June 13, 2025, and paid placement offers are made on a rolling basis.*
- United States (U.S.) citizenship and New York state residency are not required, but applicants must be eligible to be employed in the U.S.
- Applicants are encouraged to learn more about OAG bureaus and regional offices prior to submitting their applications by reviewing information that is available on the public website.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.

How to Apply

The following section provides detailed information about the application process and application requirements. Please review the complete list of instructions prior to preparing and submitting your application materials online.

Applications for this placement must be submitted online. To apply, please click on the following link:

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- Applications are submitted separately for each bureau/regional office, and an applicant's candidacy for each application is determined separately by each bureau/regional office.
- Applications are accepted online until June 13.2025, and placement offers are made on a rolling basis.*
- The following four (4) documents must be submitted with your application:

Your documents should reflect your own work product. Once submitted, you will not be able to access or edit your application. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to have someone review/proofread your documents ahead of submitting your application online.

1. Cover Letter

- You may choose to address your letter to the Legal Recruitment Unit.
- Indicate why you are interested in a placement with OAG and what makes you a strong candidate.
- You may wish to include information about what life experiences you will bring to the position that will enhance OAG's ability to better serve the diverse population of this state.
- Please indicate your format preference: hybrid or remote.

2. Resume

Ensure your resume is complete and current prior to submitting your application.

3. List of three (3) references.

- Submit only professional (i.e., supervisor or professor) references.
- For each reference, indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.
- Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.
- Please note that your references will not be contacted until after you interview for the placement.

4. Writing Sample

- Submit a paper completed for school or a writing sample that was prepared for a job or during an internship/externship.
- Submit a sample that demonstrates your ability to analyze and organize information into an effective document.
- We recommend submitting a sample that is 3-6 pages in length.
- If needed, please include a cover page providing the reviewer with any relevant background information or context.

- Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your candidacy.
- If a bureau wishes to schedule an interview, they will contact you directly to arrange this meeting.

If you have questions about a placement with OAG, the application process, or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov.