

Regional Offices Division
Plattsburgh Regional Office
Student Assistant
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## Spring Paid, Part-Time Placement for Undergraduate Students | Application Deadline is January 30, 2026\*

The Office of the New York State Attorney General's (OAG) <u>Plattsburgh Regional Office</u> (RO) is seeking applications from undergraduate students for a paid placement this spring. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are either pursuing or are considering pursing administrative assistant, paralegal, business, or related careers. The selected student will support RO's ongoing administration operations. The selected students will work with and receive training from attorneys, support staff, and other professionals.

#### **Duties:**

- Answering and directing incoming calls, including taking and responding to phone messages;
- Respond to in-person visitors by directing them to the proper person or providing the necessary resources;
- Processing incoming and outgoing mail to include overnight services;
- File documents both electronically in appropriate directories and in paper files;
- Preparing and proof-reading documents for accuracy;
- Maintaining and troubleshooting issues with printers, copiers, and other office equipment; and
- Performing other administrative and office support functions as needed.

## **Qualifications:**

- Enrollment in a full-time undergraduate degree program in Clinton, Essex, or Franklin Counties;
- Students who are in degree programs with an administrative assistant, paralegal, or business focus are preferred;
- Strong analytical, verbal, and written communication skills;
- Organized, proactive, and detail oriented with the ability to self-manage assignments and deadlines;
- Capable of working well both independently and as a member of a team;
- Proficient at using Word, Excel, and Outlook and comfortable using technology to complete work assignments, including a willingness to learn new software applications as needed; and
- Brings a customer and team-focused mindset to the work.

# **Spring Program Details**

- This placement requires in-office work. Therefore, applicants must be available to report to 43 Durkee Street in Plattsburgh, NY on their scheduled workdays.
- At the time students receive and accept a paid placement offer, they must provide written documentation demonstrating they are full-time students in good academic standing as defined by their schools. Applications from students who are starting college/university during the 2025-26 academic year will not be considered.
- The undergraduate student hired for this placement will work part-time for the spring semester (15 hours/week for 12 weeks for a total of 180 paid hours). The undergraduate student will be hired as a student assistant and be paid the hourly rate of \$16.39.
- \*Applications are accepted online until January 30, 2026, and paid placement offers are made on a rolling basis.
- Students who are hired for the spring program may begin their placements on January 21, 2026, or after.
- 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.

# 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 spring placements must be submitted online. To apply, please click 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 January 30, 2026, 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 thoughts/work product in text that was written by you. Do not use artificial intelligence (AI) to generate application documents. 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.

#### 2. Resume

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

#### 3. Reference List

- Submit a list of three (3) professional references (i.e., supervisor or professor).
- 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 <a href="mailto:recruitment@ag.ny.gov">recruitment@ag.ny.gov</a>.