



**Regional Offices Division
Harlem Regional Office
Student Mediator
Reference No. HRO_PUGS_2026**

Paid, Part-Time Placement for Undergraduate Students | Application Deadline is August 14, 2026*

The Office of the New York State Attorney General's (OAG) [Harlem Regional Office](#) (HRO) has paid placements available for undergraduate students who are interested in working as student mediators. In addition to other legal matters, the HRO prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, misleading, deceptive, or illegal trade practices, and mediates hundreds of complaints each year from individual consumers. A large percentage of these complaints are successfully resolved through mediation. Student mediators play an integral role in the mediation process. Students serve as consumer advocates in negotiating complaints against merchants. Each mediator is assigned a docket of complaint files covering a broad range of consumer issues including retail sales, mail order transactions, credit transactions, immigration fraud, telemarketing, warranty matters, home repair, and automobile sales, among others. **Applicants must have immediate availability.**

As mediators, students are taught interviewing techniques and develop their analytical skills as they learn to focus on the underlying issues for each complaint. While each complaint is reviewed by a member of our professional staff, students typically exercise significant discretion and independent judgment. Professional staff and attorneys are always available to answer questions. The position provides students a high degree of responsibility and requires them to exercise sound judgment. Applicants must be articulate, analytical, and organized. No specific experience is required.

Placement Details

- **The format of this placement is hybrid.** Students report to their designated workstation two or three (2-3) days per week. On the days students work 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 are starting college/university during the 2026 fall semester will not be considered.**
- Applicants must be available to work up to 15-30 hours per week. The selected students must be available to work the entire fall semester (August through December). Students who are available to continue working during the winter break and spring semester are preferred. *Please be advised that reappointment for additional semesters/terms is possible but neither automatic nor guaranteed.*
- The selected candidates will be hired as student assistants and paid hourly at the undergraduate student rate which is \$17.75.
- *Applications are accepted online until **August 14, 2026**, 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. You will be unable to edit or

amend your application after it has been submitted.

- Applications for paid placements must be submitted online. To apply, please click the following link:

[HRO PUGS 2026](#)

- 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.
- **Please limit your application submissions to three (3) total across all bureaus/regional offices.**
- *Applications are accepted online until **August 14, 2026**, and paid 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 address your letter to the Legal Recruitment Unit.
- Indicate why you are interested in a placement with the Harlem Regional Office 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 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 2-4 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.

The OAG provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you have questions regarding a position with OAG, the application process, or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov or phone at 212-416-8080.

For more information about OAG, please visit our website: ag.ny.gov