



Summer 2026 Climate Fund Coordinator Internship

Be part of the regional clean energy movement this summer by sharing the stories of people working on the twin challenges of climate change and inequality. This internship position will require strong outreach and communications skills, with a focus on recruiting carbon offsetters for the [Finger Lakes Climate Fund](#) and engaging participants in our clean energy programs for low-to-moderate (LMI) income households in Tompkins County.

[Sustainable Finger Lakes](#) (SFLX) is a community-based organization whose mission is to promote the long-term well-being of our region by integrating social equity, economic vitality, ecological stewardship, and shared responsibility. SFLX is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds.

This internship position will be for 30 hrs/wk June 1-August 28 (13 weeks).

The summer intern will:

- Participate as a team member in the outreach and programming of SFLX.
- Craft stories about carbon offsetters to share on social media.
- Make arrangements to interview Climate Fund awardees on their satisfaction with energy upgrades to their home, film and edit a short video to capture their story, and compose a summary for posting on our website (see [examples](#)).
- Post updates to social media and websites for the Climate Fund and SFLX.
- Research potential businesses across the region to join our Finger Lakes Enterprises for Climate Action ([FLECA](#)) and recruit them as a carbon offsetting partner.
- Help promote our new Climate Fund app to student campus groups in the region.
- Assist CEO Gay Nicholson as needed in conducting climate and clean energy programs.
- Participate 3 hrs/wk in the *Cayuga Lake Watershed Internship Program* (WIP). The WIP is a coordinated program supporting a number of partner organizations hosting interns working in a variety of environmental fields. All WIP participants will participate in an initial orientation session, weekly group activities and a final presentation. The orientation session will be held on June 1st and the final presentation will be on August 10th.
- In addition, the intern may be asked to help staff with other tasks related to Sustainable Finger Lakes.

The ideal candidate has strong organizational and interpersonal skills, working knowledge on climate action and clean energy, outgoing personality, ability to work independently, familiarity with digital media and websites, and can provide own transportation.

Must be 18 or older, a resident of New York State, and either currently a student or a recent graduate. The intern will work out of our downtown Ithaca office.

Compensation: \$22/hour, 30 hrs/week.

(Includes 3 hrs per week dedicated to WIP activities.)

Must be 18 or older and provide own transportation.

Application deadline: April 15, 2026

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Gay Nicholson, President at gay@sustainablefingerlakes.org with Climate Fund Internship in the subject line.

To see more positions within the Cayuga Lake Watershed Internship Program, please go to the website for more information and to apply: <https://discovercayugalake.org/watershed-internship/>

Priority will be given to WIP applications submitted by March 9th.