



**Student Journalism Program
Applications due: April 8, 2016**

URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity, a national non-profit organization, gives emerging leaders the tools they need to network, mobilize, organize, and exchange ideas to build a youth-centered reproductive justice agenda. Working with youth and students, between the ages of 15-30, we empower the diverse, upcoming generation of leaders who promote and protect reproductive freedom both now and in the future.

Student Journalism Team: One of URGE's key roles is to promote the voices of young people in the reproductive justice movement. As part of the Student Journalism program, students will have the opportunity to develop their voices, work on their writing, engage in social media, and participate in national social justice events. Participants will come away from this program with a large portfolio of written work, national visibility in the dialogue around reproductive justice, concrete skills in journalism, and the knowledge that they have helped garner national attention for issues important to their campus, community and state.

Responsibilities:

- Write 2 unique blog articles a month for ChoiceWords, URGE's official blog, that are related to sexual and reproductive health
- Develop at least one op-ed per semester to be published in an external source – university, local, national or online publication

Benefits:

- Stipend of \$500 provided each semester
- Receive high quality training and the opportunity to workshop writing with URGE staff
- Join the URGE membership conference in June with other student activists and go through comprehensive training on reproductive justice issues
- Receive in-depth journalism training with experts from other areas of the progressive movement
- Showcase writing to a large audience and receive help promoting articles
- Accepted applicants may also consult with their college or university to receive academic credit

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated dedication to reproductive justice and other social justice issues
- Strong writing skills
- A proven interest in writing, media, and journalism
- An interest in reporting on a variety of topics and a willingness to accept the challenge of writing new types of articles
- Ability to commit to a one year term
- Willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C. for URGE's journalism training June 10-13.
All travel accommodations provided by URGE
- Able to commit an average of 2-3 hours a week on work for the blog
- Must be a currently enrolled student at college or university in one of the following states:
Alabama, California, Georgia, Kansas, Ohio, or Texas

To Apply: By April 8, send completed application (below) and 2 writing samples via e-mail to klonden@urge.org. Top candidates will be asked to do short telephone interviews April 11-26. Student Journalists will be selected by May 4.

URGE is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Application for Student Journalism Team
2016-2017**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>School:</i>
<i>Major:</i>	<i>Graduation Date:</i>
<i>Phone Number:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Optional:</i> <i>Race/Ethnicity:</i> <i>Gender Identity:</i> <i>Sexual Orientation:</i>	

Are you able to commit an average of 2-3 hours a week to this program? __yes __no (check one)

How long and in what capacity have you been involved with reproductive justice issues? What is your experience and/or relationship with URGE?

What experience do you have with writing or journalism?

Are you willing to speak to the media on behalf of URGE about issues related to reproductive justice? Do you have experience or training related to working with the media?

Why do you want to join URGE's Student Journalism program?

What perspectives or topics do you think are missing from the national dialogue around reproductive justice? Is there a particular focus within the reproductive justice that you have a passion for or feel more compelled to write about?