MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)

Community Outreach & Youth Engagement Intern Northern CA

About the opportunity

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) seeks an enthusiastic, community-minded intern to support youth engagement, volunteer recruitment, and outreach initiatives across Northern California. This opportunity combines practical research and planning with direct community interaction, relationship-building, and event support. The intern will help expand MADD's connections with schools, student groups, and community partners while encouraging young people to take an active role in prevention and advocacy.

Key responsibilities

School & youth organization outreach

- Identify potential school and youth-serving organization partners and assist with personalized outreach.
- Administer two (2) MADD college presentations to two different classes.
- Help coordinate introductory conversations, partnership follow-ups, and student engagement opportunities.

Youth volunteer recruitment & engagement

- Connect with student clubs, campus organizations, and community groups to promote volunteer opportunities.
- Support recruitment events, volunteer onboarding, and ongoing engagement efforts.

Youth-led prevention initiatives

- Collaborate with student leadership groups on peer-to-peer awareness campaigns and school activities.
- Support student-led prevention initiatives tied to relevant school and community events.

Community outreach & events

- Participate in community fairs, awareness activities, and partner meetings alongside MADD staff when needed.

Campus engagement & special projects

- Explore opportunities to connect MADD with San José State University student organizations and campus programs.
- Support planning for initiatives such as Mini Walk Like MADD and other youth-centered activities.

What you will gain

Hands-on experience in nonprofit outreach, community partnership development, event coordination, youth engagement, volunteer management, professional communication, and project planning. The intern will have opportunities to contribute ideas, take ownership of assigned projects, and see the impact of their work.

Ideal candidate

A motivated student with an interest in community service, public health, communications, education, social work, nonprofit management, or related fields. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills, initiative, professionalism, and enthusiasm for working with diverse communities are valued. Prior nonprofit experience is not required.

Internship details

Academic terms: Spring 2027, Summer 2027, and/or Fall 2027
Compensation: Unpaid internship; offered for academic/class credit only. Students must confirm eligibility and credit requirements with their academic department before applying.
Work arrangement: Hybrid. Remote work is permitted for appropriate assignments; in-office attendance and participation at community events, meetings, and outreach activities are required as needed.
Schedule and hours: Approximately 10–20 hours per week, depending on SJSU academic credit requirements and mutually agreed scheduling. Some activities may take place outside standard business hours.
Supervision: Reports directly to the MADD Program Specialist, with a weekly check-in or another mutually arranged meeting time. The intern will also assist the Program and Fund Development Manager with projects and tasks as needed.
Application process: A separate application will be provided by MADD.

Professional expectations

- MADD will provide an organizational email address. All MADD-related correspondence and business must be conducted through that assigned account, not a personal email account.
- Maintain professional, timely communication with staff, school partners, volunteers, and community contacts; attend scheduled check-ins and communicate availability or scheduling conflicts in advance.
- Handle organizational and participant information confidentially, follow MADD policies and training requirements, and obtain staff approval before making external commitments or publishing materials on MADD's behalf.
- Be prepared to travel to approved in-person meetings and outreach events as arranged with the supervisor; transportation and any applicable travel or expense arrangements will be discussed before assignments.

- Complete assigned work, track outreach and event follow-up, and share brief progress updates during supervision meetings.

Academic credit and eligibility

This internship is intended for students receiving academic credit. Participation is subject to the student's university or department approval, any required internship agreement, and mutually agreed learning objectives and hours. Applicants should confirm their program's eligibility and documentation requirements before applying.

Selected activities involving minors, schools, or sensitive information will be conducted in accordance with MADD policies and under appropriate staff supervision.