



Volunteers of Legal Service – Immigration Project **Summer 2026 Internship**

Organizational Overview

Since 1984, VOLS has partnered with New York City’s leading law firms and companies and community-based organizations to help close the access to justice gap for low-income New Yorkers. VOLS provides free, civil legal services to New Yorkers with limited resources, including older adults, veterans, small business owners, individuals entitled to public benefits, immigrant young people, mothers in prison or jail, children and families. Last year, VOLS assisted clients on more than 4,000 legal matters, and our services benefited over 6,400 New Yorkers. VOLS’ staff of 22, including 15 attorneys and law graduates, work with pro bono volunteers from over 80 law firms/companies to exponentially increase our impact. We collaborate with 150 community groups to ensure that our services are accessible and address local needs.

Project Overview

The Immigration Project offers support for immigrant students and young adults to pursue higher education, legal employment, and permanent residency. The team partners with schools, colleges, and community-based organizations to provide legal trainings and resources to their constituents, including “Know Your Rights” presentations and on-site legal clinics. The Immigration Project also recruits, trains, and mentors volunteer lawyers who represent students and youth on various immigration matters, helping them overcome their immigration issues and giving them a chance to succeed in the United States.

Internship Description

Immigration Project interns will gain hands-on experience providing critical legal support to VOLS clients. Interns can expect to: (1) provide direct immigration legal services under attorney supervision, including conducting client intakes, drafting affidavits and declarations, preparing applications for DACA, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and other forms of relief, and assisting with case management; (2) support community legal education by developing materials for and delivering Know-Your-Rights (KYR) presentations and legal trainings at schools and community-based organizations throughout NYC; and (3) staff legal clinics by screening potential clients and collecting documentation needed to provide them with advice and counsel regarding their immigration options.

Location, Vaccination, and In-Person Work Requirements

VOLS Office is located at: 40 Worth, Street, Suite 829, New York, NY 10013.



This is a hybrid internship position. Interns will benefit from joining in person staff and team meetings, clinics, presentations, client meetings, and other in-person events and are expected to comply with any law school minimum on-site requirements.

All VOLS employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless a medical or religious accommodation is approved.

Application Contact

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to apply@volsprobono.org with the subject line: “Immigration Project Summer 2026 Internship.” Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Commitment to Inclusion

VOLS is an equal opportunity employer. VOLS strives to build and maintain a workplace that embraces staff with different backgrounds, identities, and experiences. We welcome applicants from marginalized communities, including, but not limited to, those who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of color, women, queer, transgender, gender non-conforming, disabled, immigrants, veterans, people from low socio-economic backgrounds, and those directly impacted by the legal system. VOLS does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, creed, age, disability, sexual orientation, biological sex, gender identity/expression, family status, military service or any other status protected under the law.