A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Montana Women Vote (MWV) is a coalition of non-profit women’s organizations working statewide to educate and mobilize low-income women and their allies to participate in the democratic process. MWV works to show the connections between issues of economic justice, reproductive rights, environmental health, violence against women, human rights, and empowering women in advocating for public policies that support women and families. Member organizations include the Montana Human Rights Network, Blue Mountain Clinic, Planned Parenthood, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Pro-Choice/NARAL,

MWV targets our outreach towards low-income Montanan women and help show how policies passed by elected officials directly impact their lives. This is an opportunity to learn how to organize outreach/educational efforts, develop effective communication strategies and work with a diverse coalition dedicated to social change.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
This unpaid internship or social work practicum placement offers the benefit of working closely with a non-partisan, non-profit coalition to plan and carry out voter registration, voter outreach, issue education, volunteer coordination, policy work, and leadership development.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Your experience will include:

- Helping to organize local issue education meetings
- Being part of the Steering Committee for MWV’s annual Women's Policy Leadership Institute to be held in Helena
- Registering voters in the Missoula community at events, stores, schools, etc.
- Conducting voter ID survey with new registrants about MWV coalition issues
- Coordinating, training and retaining volunteers
- Conducting door to door voter registration, outreach and education (summer/fall 2012)
- Helping with MWV fundraising events
- Assisting staff in materials development including MWV’s Voter Guide and MWV’s Legislative Agenda for the Montana Legislative Session
- Helping improve and implement MWV’s social media outreach strategy
- Assisting in the day-to-day operations in an administrative setting
D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Suggested skills:

- Self-directed – comfortable setting own work plan and achieving goals
- Flexible and willing to adapt strategies and problem solve
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work efficiently
- Ability to serve as a local spokesperson for Montana Women Vote
- Ability to communicate and work effectively with a wide range of people
- Technical/social media skills are also a plus.

Everyone interested in our political system, women’s issues and civic engagement is encouraged to apply. Students in political science, communications, social work, sociology may be interested. You do not necessarily need experience doing this kind of work. If you are passionate and interested, we are willing to train and support you.

We need students who are outgoing and love working with people. Ability to work nights and weekends when needed is also a plus. Your reward will be building a wide-range of skills and knowing you have helped bring unlikely and sometimes disenfranchised women voters into the democratic process.