

# **The Leon H. Sullivan Internship Program**

## **Office of U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.**

### **About Reverend Leon H. Sullivan**

Reverend Leon Sullivan worked throughout his life to instill hope in a world facing great challenges. Born at a time when racial segregation was not only tolerated but openly accepted, Leon Sullivan dedicated his life to the fight against racism and the economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities throughout the county. His work has led to the establishment of numerous social services programs, job training initiatives and economic development programs that still remain on the forefront of the ongoing struggle for social justice.

### **Overview**

U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. has established the Leon H. Sullivan Internship in his Washington D.C. office. This internship, open to college students from Pennsylvania or those studying in Pennsylvania, is an opportunity for students to gain access and exposure to the activities of the United States Senate. Students are also encouraged to gain college credit for their experience if applicable.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Each applicant

- Must be a matriculating student at an accredited college or university.
- Must have current residence in Pennsylvania or currently be enrolled in an accredited college or university within Pennsylvania.
- Should have a demonstrated interest in public service and the legislative process.
- Must be able to work and learn in diverse settings.
- Should have solid scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, interest in public policy, strong writing skills and a record of community service.

### **Sessions**

The Leon H. Sullivan Internship is available through the school-year and during the summer. One applicant will be selected each spring and fall semester, consistent with the calendar of the University in which they are matriculated. A minimum of a 16-hour workweek is required during the academic year. During the summer, applicants are encouraged to apply for one of two six-week summer sessions. During the summer, applicants must commit to a full 40 hour workweek. The stipend for a 40-hour work week will be in the amount of \$500/week. During the fall and spring semesters when students are unable to work a 40-hour week, the stipend is prorated.