

SEASONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: 2027 French Quarter Festival

FOOD & BEVERAGE INTERN

ABOUT FQFI:

French Quarter Festivals, Inc. (FQFI) is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the Vieux Carré and the City of New Orleans through high quality special events and activities that showcase the culture and heritage of this unique city, contribute to the economic well-being of the community, and instill increased pride in the people of New Orleans. FQFI's signature programs include French Quarter Festival, Satchmo SummerFest, and the Holidays New Orleans Style concerts series.

FQFI consists of eight full-time staff who are the leaders of their own respective departments, overseeing vendors, partners, and seasonal crew members to produce the organization's annual events. French Quarter Festival is a free, family-friendly 4-day celebration of New Orleans culture that takes place throughout the French Quarter neighborhood annually in April. Considered the largest free festival in the South, in 2026 the festival featured 20+ stages of curated live, local music plus 70+ local food vendors. Visit <https://frenchquarterfest.org/> to learn more.

Food and Beverage Internship – Reports to VP of Food, Beverage, Hospitality, Kenneth Spears

The Food and Beverage Intern will assist in a variety of tasks essential to producing the French Quarter Festival. The role includes an invaluable learning opportunity for someone interested in gaining experience in non-profit, event production, F&B festival operations, and/or project management.

Flexibility, willingness to take on any task, ask questions, and be a team player is of utmost importance.

- **PRE-FESTIVAL:** Weekly office hours are flexible
 - Duties include database management: enter and update complete menus for publication on website, app, and print materials.
 - Beverage Cup inventory management and some light lifting required.
- **LOAD-IN:**
 - Assist food vendor coordinator and food vendor managers with placing food booths back of house signage along with assisting food vendor managers with food vendor load in to ensure food vendors are bringing in approved sustainability products....etc
- **DURING FESTIVAL:** 4/8/27 - 4/11/27, approx. 8 AM - 10 PM (Long daily hours).
 - The intern works as a production assistant during the entire 4 days of the French Quarter Festival and set-up days directly leading up to the festival. Duties may include:
 - Communicating proper festival regulations and protocol to vendors.
 - Keeping daily logs of vendor violations.
- **LOAD OUT/WRAP UP:**
 - Pick up signage, equipment, and supplies from festival sites and bring back to FQFI offices.

Post festival inventory; cups, food tickets...etc.

TERM: January 2027 through April 2027. Flexible hours determined with direct supervisor(s) with a mutually agreeable schedule, Monday through Friday. An expectation of a minimum of five (5) hours per week time commitment, working either remote or in-person at the organization's office in the French Quarter.

Additionally, applicants must be available to work all four (4) days of the event – April 8-11, 2027 (Thurs-Sun). Expect event days to involve long hours and physical, on your feet, outdoor labor.

BENEFITS:

Interns will gain hands-on experience in large-scale live event production and/or non-profit administration. In addition to activities and tasks relative to producing this culturally significant event, interns receive;

- free parking if needed at the FQFI offices in the French Quarter for any in-person working days
- A one-time stipend upon program completion, amount varies depending on department (see below)
- Some meals provided - *event and production days ONLY*
- Note: FQFI does not offer formal educational credits for these internships, however Interns may use the experience towards required internship hours at their college, university, church, community groups, etc.

REQUIREMENTS:

● Strong Organizational Skills ● Strong Internal Time Management ● Strong Communication Skills ● Independent Decision Making ● Focused, time-sensitive work ● Willingness to take on new tasks and learn	● Ability to Lift up to 25lbs ● Festival Production Interest ● Arts Non-Profit Industry Interest ● Microsoft and Google Drive Familiarity ● Team Player in Collaborative Environments
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All Interns/Crew/Staff are expected to act in a kind and professional manner at all times.

All FQFI Programming is family-oriented and rooted in respect for our fans and stakeholders including crew, volunteers, vendors, musicians, sponsors, and neighbors. During the Event, Interns must be comfortable communicating via handheld radio, lifting up to 30lbs, and interacting with the public. Interns will be required to report and document incidents if observed during production. If driving a festival-golf cart, Interns will be required to have a valid driver's license on their person at all times.

TO APPLY:

- [**SUBMIT APPLICATIONS VIA GOOGLE FORMS AT THIS LINK**](#)
- Before applying, please review your availability for the event dates, and departmental activities and expectations for best fit
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis starting Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - until all positions are filled.
- Interviews will be conducted virtually in the Fall & Winter of 2026