

Project Description  
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My internship with the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) in Anchorage, Alaska, beginning in June 2018 and ending in August 2018, will involve compiling a detailed manuscript that can be presented to rural communities across Alaska to help them increase their reliance on clean energy. I will be working in a team with three other interns to complete projects for REAP, thus contributing to the organization's efforts to design and advocate policies promoting stronger, self-sufficient communities. Because I was born in Bethel, I will be responsible for communicating with the communities located in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. This work will require reaching out to and maintaining contact with community members throughout the region. I will be working to translate technical details into plans that can be presented to decision-making entities in these places. The goal of the project will be to help rural communities cut exorbitant energy costs through the development of clean energy reliance and the effective use of available natural resources. Also, I'll have the opportunity to assist in environmental education initiatives, like AK Energy Smart and Wind for Schools curricula, that encourage lasting change in young people's minds.