

Nonprofit Sector Employment

Nonprofit Sector Defined

Nonprofits are organizations whose income is not used for the benefit or gain of stockholders, directors or any other persons with an interest in the organization. The nonprofit sector is very diverse; it includes tax-exempt organizations that are educational, scientific and cultural, as well as civic and social welfare organizations. Nonprofits usually work to advance a cause or interest or to accomplish some good work.

Types of Organizations

- private educational organizations
- religious organizations
- arts, cultural, historical and community educational organizations
- health organizations
- social service organizations
- advocacy and political groups
- business, professional and trade/labor organizations
- scientific and research organizations
- community development organizations
- foundations
- youth leadership and development organizations

Examples of nonprofits

- American Federation for the Blind
- American Film Institute
- American Red Cross
- Boys Clubs/Girls Clubs
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Catholic Relief Services
- College/University Alumni Associations

- Peace Corps
- Planned Parenthood
- Save the Children Federation
- Sierra Club
- Special Olympics
- United Jewish Appeal
- United Way
- Up With People

Sample Entry Level Job Titles from Nonprofit Organizations

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| Assistant Program Director | Case Manager | Program Associate |
| Assistant Fund raiser | Administrative Assistant | Researcher |
| Communication Assistant | Grant Writer | Marketing Assistant |
| Coordinator | Development Assistant | Communications Assistant |

Experience the Nonprofit World before Graduation

Find volunteer opportunities by attending the Volunteer Fair each September. Use the Career Services Web Site to identify volunteer positions and agencies in the community. Log on to Blue Hen Careers to locate internships in the nonprofit sector.

Helpful websites

- ❑ Charity Channel (www.charitychannel.com/)
- ❑ Chronicle of Higher Education (www.chronicle.com)
- ❑ Chronicle of Philanthropy (<http://philanthropy.com/jobs>)
- ❑ Community Career Center (www.nonprofitjobs.org)
- ❑ Good Works (<http://goodworksfirst.org/>)
- ❑ GuideStar (www.guidestar.org)
- ❑ Idealist.org (www.idealists.org/)
- ❑ Internet Nonprofit Center (www.nonprofits.org)
- ❑ National Council of Nonprofit Associations (www.ncna.org)
- ❑ Nonprofit Career Network (www.nonprofitcareer.com)
- ❑ Opportunity NOCs (Nonprofit Organization's Classifieds) (www.opportunitynocs.org/)
- ❑ Philanthropy Journal Online (www.philanthropyjournal.org)
- ❑ Professionals for Nonprofits (www.nonprofitstaffing.com/)

Regional Websites

- ❑ Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies - - - (www.delawarenonprofit.org)
- ❑ Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations - - - (www.mdnonprofit.org)
- ❑ New Jersey, Center for Non-Profit Corporations - - - (www.njnonprofits.org)
- ❑ New York, Nonprofit Coordinating Committee - - - (www.npccny.org)
- ❑ Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations - - - (www.pano.org)

Sample of Books in the Career Library

- ❑ 100 Best Nonprofits to Work For (CSD 412)
- ❑ From Making a Profit to Making a Difference (CSD 415)
- ❑ Change Your Career: Transitioning to the Nonprofit Sector (CSD 416)
- ❑ The Nonprofit Career Guide (CSD 417)
- ❑ Opportunities in Fund-Raising Careers (CSE 250)