

DCFS Shadowing Program



Are you a college student looking to learn more about Illinois DCFS?

The Illinois DCFS Shadowing Program is a unique two-day experience that pairs eligible college students who would like to learn more about the department with DCFS staff working in the student's area of interest. Shadowing opportunities are available in DCFS offices statewide during the fall, spring and summer semesters. Space is limited, so it is highly recommended that you apply as soon as possible.

Application Process

To apply, send an email to DCFS.internships@illinois.gov and provide the following information:

• Cover Letter

Please make sure your cover letter includes the following:

- Year in school
- Degree status
- Reason for requesting a shadowing experience

• Resume

• Two professional letters of recommendation

Eligible candidates will receive an application packet and information about the next steps in the application process, which includes a background check.

Semester

Application Windows

Fall.....	February 15 to April 15
Spring.....	September 1 to October 15
Summer.....	January 18 to February 28

Please note: The submission of a completed application does not ensure a shadowing experience with the department.

Need help or want to know more?

Contact:

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If you are not a college student but would like to participate in a shadowing experience for a different reason, please send an email to DCFS.internships@illinois.gov.