

# SKAGIT COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

Due to the sensitive nature of our work, this opportunity is for college, graduate, and medical students who are studying or considering a career in a forensic-related field. Interested candidates must have completed the educational tour. Not all applications will be accepted.

Date of Application: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you affiliated to any school or organization?  Yes  No

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade/year of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your intended career goal and how this observership will benefit your career choice:  
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What are you interested in observing?  death scene investigation  autopsy or body examination  both

**AVAILABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:** Observership can be for (1) full 8-hour day (9am-5pm) at the Coroner's Office to observe the daily operations of the office which can include attending a scene investigation or viewing of an autopsy/body examination. If the participant would like to observe more, the observership can extend up to 5 consecutive days.

Autopsies are not performed daily and are scheduled upon the availability of the forensic pathologist. If the participant is interested in viewing an autopsy, the Coroner's Office will contact the participant when there is an opportunity to observe an autopsy.

Please mark below the days of the week you are available. If you would like to shadow an investigator for a call after business hours (6pm-8am), please note that.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

List dates that you are unavailable: \_\_\_\_\_

Intern Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email application to: [hayleyt@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:hayleyt@co.skagit.wa.us)

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## CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT FOR OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, have been accepted to participate in an internship program at the Skagit County Coroner's Office. I fully understand that I will be exposed to confidential information as it relates to investigations conducted by the Coroner's Office. The confidential information may range from a citizen's personal information, medical history, to information related to a criminal investigation. I will be viewing explicit images for educational and training purposes only.

I agree that the identity of the deceased/scene and any information as it relates to any and all investigations shall remain confidential. No reference shall be made in any way regarding the identity of the decedents/scenes in any material that I view or produce.

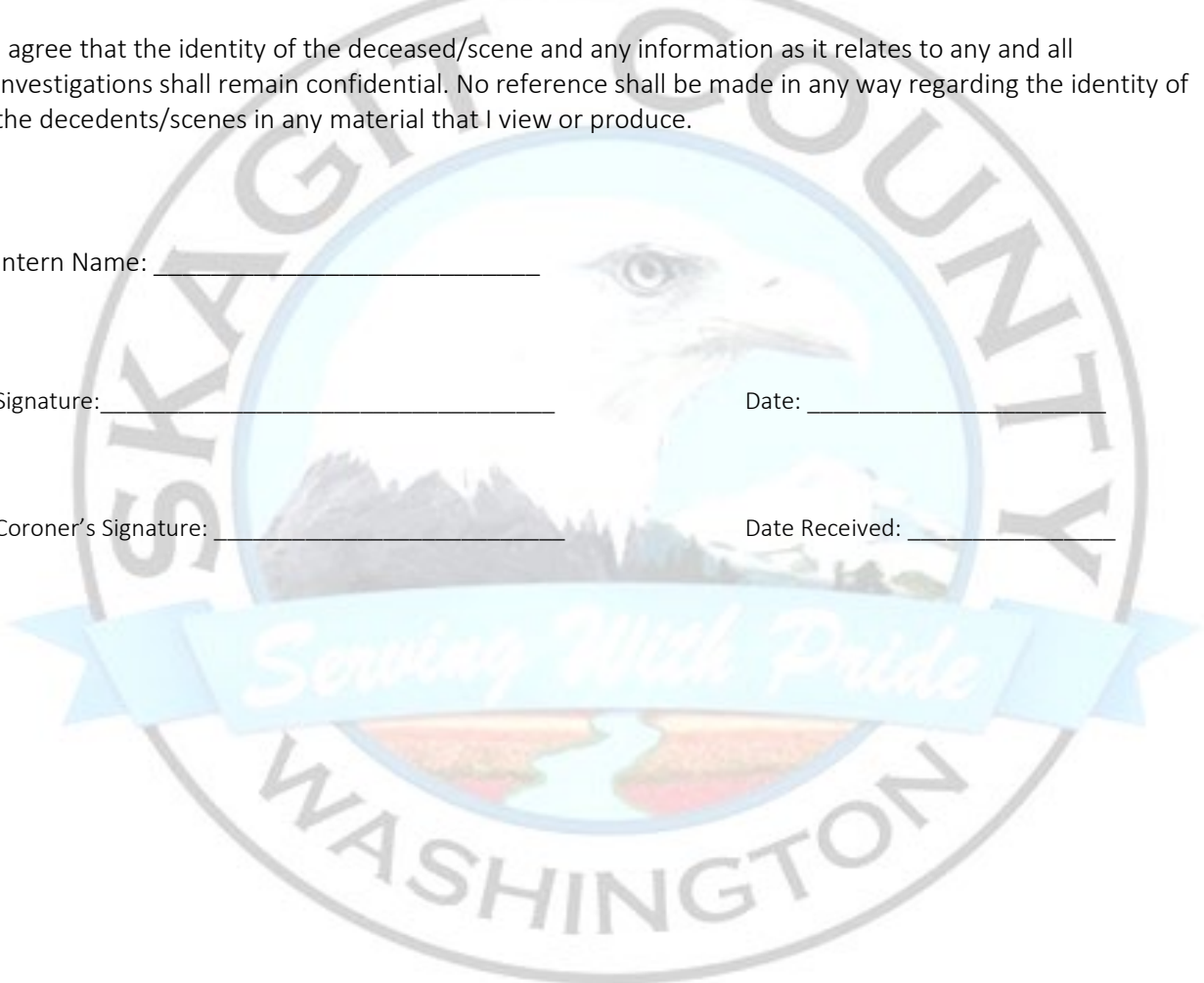
Intern Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coroner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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## OBSERVERSHIP ATTIRE, APPEARANCE, AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

### Purpose:

To provide standards commensurate with professional attire, appearance, and responsibility for the Skagit County Coroner's Office Observership Program Participants.

### Policy:

An observer functions under the authority of Coroner personnel and is expected to exhibit respectfulness, maturity, and professionalism. As well, an observer is expected to function during the autopsies under the auspices of our forensic pathologist. This office encounters many outside agencies (law enforcement, EMS, fire, public utilities, medical facilities, social services etc.) within the course of investigations, and an observer is expected to be of a maturity such that they conduct themselves commendably with these agencies. Anything other than a professional presentation, in both dress and behavior, is unacceptable and means for dismissal.

#### A. Appearance and General Requirements

##### ▪ Appropriate attire

- All observership participants will wear black cargo style pants and plain black shirt.
- For autopsy, all observership participants must wear scrub pants and shirt.

##### ▪ Unacceptable Attire includes but is not limited to:

- Jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, cutoffs or shorts, sheer clothing, low necklines, stretch pants, spaghetti straps, backless attire, casual sandals, or flip flops. No emblems, slogans, symbols, pins, buttons, insignias connotating illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, obscene language, sex, violence, or discrimination.

##### ▪ Footwear

- Closed-toe shoes must be worn for all scene investigations. No open-toed shoes for females are permitted in the office as well as no bright colored shoes.

#### B. Jewelry, Piercings, and Tattoos

- Limited jewelry. No dangling or large hoop earrings as they might create a safety hazard or interfere with the use of personal protective equipment.
- Body piercing must be limited to two per ear.
- No nose, lip, or tongue piercing
- Tattoos that are perceived as offensive and hostile, must be covered or otherwise not visible.

#### C. Responsibility

- It is the observer's responsibility to abide by this policy during the observership at the Skagit County Coroner's Office. Non-compliance with the attire and appearance policy may result in termination of the Observership.

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Hayley Thompson, Coroner

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Observership Participant Signature

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Date