

Dunn County Natural Resources Internship

Position Description

Job Title: Dunn County Natural Resources Intern

Office Locations: USDA-NRCS, Dunn County 390 Red Cedar St. and 800 Wilson Ave., Menomonie, WI

Job Description: The student intern will work closely with County, State, and Federal conservation agencies assisting with a wide range of natural resource related activities. Intern will be involved with the following activities, including but not limited to: citizen based stream monitoring, invasive species control, fish and wildlife surveys, habitat and facilities management, forest management, soil and water conservation planning, GIS data management and environmental education. A final report summarizing major accomplishments will be required and presented to the Alliance of Dunn County Conservation and Sports Clubs.

Required Qualifications:

- Must have at least two years of post-secondary education and pursuing a degree in a natural resources field such as wildlife ecology, conservation, water resources, biology or another closely related field and enrolled at a post secondary institution for the fall 2017 semester.
- Valid drivers license
- Competent with computer programs such as Microsoft Office and ArcGIS. GPS literate.
- Physically able to work in rugged terrain and inclement weather
- Ability to work independently or in a team setting
- Ability to effectively communicate with people ranging from youth to retirement age
- Ability to work some evening and weekend hours

Additional Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to interpret and use aerial photos, plat books, soil maps and topographic maps
- Basic knowledge of soil and water conservation, wildlife ecology and agriculture
- Basic animal and plant identification

Compensation: The intern will receive a substantial scholarship yet to be determined by donors. The scholarship will be paid in three installments. A partial housing subsidy may be available.

Start Date-End Date: May 30, 2017 – August 31, 2017 is negotiable (35 – 40 hours per week for a total of at least 400 hours)

Sponsoring Agencies: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dunn County Land & Water Conservation Department

Deadline for Applications: Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday April 28, 2017. In-person interviews will be scheduled for successful applicants from May 8th – May 12th.

How to Apply: Send a letter of interest, resume and a copy of most recent transcripts to:

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“Having the choice to explore my own options benefitted me greatly by allowing me to find out more about not just the field of study, but myself as well. The 3 months of experiences I gained might have taken 3 years elsewhere will take me far and will also be ones that I will not soon forget”
–Tim Jackson, 2016 NR Intern