

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/Federal conservation agencies and local non-profit organizations 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 to be presented to the Dunn County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, requesting donors and the Alliance of Dunn County Conservation and Sports Clubs, Inc.

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 2019 semester.
- Valid driver's 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 scholarship from various community donors that will be at least \$4,000.

Start Date-End Date: May 28, 2019 – August 30, 2019 is negotiable (35–40 hours per week for a total of at least 400 hours)

Sponsoring Agencies: The Alliance of Dunn County Conservation and Sports Clubs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dunn County Land & Water Conservation and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Deadline for Applications: Applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday February 26, 2019. In-person interviews will be scheduled for successful applicants from March 11th through March 15th.

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

USDA–NRCS – Attn: John Sippl
390 Red Cedar Street, Suite B
Menomonie, WI 54751

Contact for Questions: John Sippl, USDA–NRCS
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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 three months of experiences I gained might have taken three years elsewhere will take me far and will also be ones that I will not soon forget”
–Tim Jackson, 2016 NR Intern