

Winneshiek Soil and Water Conservation District

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Vacancy Announcement

Position Title: Summer Internship

Location: Decorah, Iowa

Address: Winneshiek County Soil & Water Conservation District

2296 Oil Well Rd Decorah, IA 52101

Job Description: This position provides technical assistance to landowners and operators in Winneshiek County as it relates to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other USDA programs. Incumbent works in office and in the field on the promotion, documentation, contracting, installation and maintenance of conservation practices. Assists other field office staff with surveys and layout of the conservation practices and performs status reviews and follows up with landowners. Produces field notes and prepares data sheets and other documents.

The successful candidate will assist with engineering surveys, designs, seeding plans and practice checkout for the various conservation practices of the CRP. These practices include grassed waterways, shallow water areas for wildlife, windbreaks, contour buffer strips, grass filter strips, riparian forest buffers and others. Candidate will also assist with various tasks associated with special watershed programs. Candidate must possess communication skills in order to provide one-on-one assistance to landowners to ensure that procedures are followed to receive cost-share funds and that practice construction meets specified standards.

Candidate must attend an internship meeting sponsored by the Department of Soil Conservation & Water Quality, complete a special project for the District such as a field day or outreach event. Candidate must also develop a presentation for the District outlining experiences from the internship.

Required Education: Must be enrolled in college or recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, conservation, engineering, environmental studies, construction trades, GIS, communications, public relations or urban planning.

Wage: \$10.00 per hour

Job Qualifications and Experience: Meet educational requirements and provide evidence of ability to assist with field work. A valid driver's license and a Federal background check are also required.

Duration of Position: 480 hours **Number of Openings:** 1

Position Start Date: May 1, 2017 Position Ending Date: December 31, 2017

Method of Application: Submit resume to the address above or by email to

Rebecca.pankow@ia.nacdnet.net.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2017

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