

DELAWARE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: College Internship / Conservation Technician

Location: Manchester, Iowa

Address: Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District, 200 S. 12th St., Manchester, Iowa 52057

Wage: \$10.00/hr. **Duration of position:** 480 hours **Start Date:** Mid-May (flexible) **End Date:** Mid-August (flexible)

To Apply: Submit resume to Delaware SWCD or apply by email to: joy.brooks@ia.nacdnet.net

by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018

Job Description: Provide technical assistance to landowners and operators in implementing conservation measures on their property as it relates to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other USDA programs. Conduct field reviews for CRP practices, assist with CRP, EQIP, CSP field notes, data sheets, paperwork, folder assembly, seeding plans, mapping, status reviews and check out of various conservation practices. Assist field office personnel with engineering surveys and design of grassed waterways and water and sediment control structures.

Develop conservation plans and prepare documentation required for Farm Bill reporting and other conservation programs. Work in the office and in the field (outdoors) sometimes under rough weather conditions. Attend partnership meetings and coordinate special projects for the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District as requested. Develop a wrap up presentation for the commissioners outlining your experiences at the end of your internship. Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners.

Candidate must possess good communication skills in order to provide one-on-one assistance to landowners to ensure that procedures are followed and practice construction meets specified standards for applicant to receive cost-share funds.

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

Job Qualifications and Experience: Applicant should be detail orientated with the ability to work independently and prioritize work schedule. Applicant needs good oral and written communication skills. Job will require walking through rough terrain and carrying up to 50 pounds of equipment. Knowledge of Arc GIS software, engineering equipment and agricultural practices beneficial. Need to possess a valid driver's license. Successful candidate will need to undergo a Federal background investigation and fingerprint check.

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.