

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Wright Soil and Water Conservation District

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POSITION TITLE: Summer Field Intern - Full Time, Seasonal Position

Position Location: Buffalo, MN

Starting Salary: \$16.00 - \$18.00 Hourly
Based upon qualifications and experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. on March 20, 2023

ANTICIPATED INTERVIEWS: March 27-30, 2023

POSITION DATES (APPROX): May 8 – September 1, 2023

Send Application To: Luke Johnson, District Manager Wright SWCD 311 Brighton Avenue South Suite C Buffalo, Minnesota 55313 Phone 763-682-1933 Ext 3 E-Mail luke.johnson@usda.gov

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Under the direction of the District Manager a successful applicant will work with Wright SWCD staff to assist with field work and associated tasks. Projects will include, but are not limited to, water quality sampling of lakes and streams, wetland and conservation practice monitoring, GPS surveys, ArcGIS projects. Extensive outdoor work will be expected.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Requirements:

- Self-motivated, disciplined and enthusiastic
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in both outdoor and office environments
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word)
- Current and valid MN Driver's License
- Ability to lift/carry 50 lbs
- Ability to stand/walk for several hours
- Ability to work on uneven terrain and inclement weather

Preferred Knowledge:

- Experience in natural resources field including water quality and/or ecology
- Boat operation and safety
- Knowledge of water quality meters/flow trackers
- Basic knowledge of stream hydrology/discharge concepts
- Experience utilizing ArcGIS and viewing aerial photography
- Familiarity with survey-grade GPS equipment

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Collect water quality samples in streams and lakes and use equipment to measure water conditions and flow
2. Fill out laboratory paperwork and ship samples
3. Enter data in into shared database
4. Make calculations, charts and graphs based on collected data
5. Interact with local interest groups and landowners
6. Operate boat and transport via trailer
7. Perform topographic survey-grade GPS surveys

APPLICATION MATERIALS: Applicants should submit cover letter, college or Tech school transcripts and a personal resume listing qualifications for the position requirements as shown above. Personal references should be available on request. E-mail or mail applications to the address listed above by the closing date. Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, physical handicap, age or membership or nonmembership in an employee organization.