CONSERVATION INTERN

Description
The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, in partnership with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), is seeking interns to work on a variety of soil conservation and water quality program support tasks in locations across the state.

These internship positions will provide assistance for a diverse set of conservation work activities in both field and office environments. Successful candidates will work as part of a local team as well as independently, spend time outdoors in the summer months, work with the public including landowners and customers, work in rough terrain and inclement weather as required, and complete tasks in a timely manner. Successful candidates will be required to satisfactorily complete a Federal background investigation and fingerprint check. Applicants must maintain a valid driver’s license.

Location: Select County Soil and Water Conservation District Offices
Duration: May 2021 - December 2021 (not to exceed 480 hours)
Compensation: Variable – up to $12.50 per hour.

Preferred Skills:
- Enrollment or recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, conservation, engineering, construction trades, GIS, communications, public relations, urban planning, or environmental sciences
- Interest in hands-on learning about Iowa’s soil and water conservation programs

Example Tasks for Summer 2021:
- Conservation practice layout and checkout
- Conservation planning assistance
- GIS mapping
- Landowner and farmer contacts
- Drafting news articles
- Water monitoring
- Urban conservation program assistance
- Resource inventory
- Abandoned mines and reclamation program assistance

Application Process:
Interested students should complete the interest form at http://bit.ly/IAConservationIntern21 by November 15. Internship availabilities will be finalized and students will be contacted for interviews towards the end of the year. Any questions should be directed to Lori Lewis at 515-281-5258.