SUMMER INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

DUTY STATIONS: The intern position will be shared by the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) based in Indianola and the Madison County SWCD based in Winterset. The position will report to the District Conservationists (DCs) on a day-to-day basis.

EMPLOYMENT TERM: 480 hours (~12 weeks). Start date is flexible with the end of the spring semester; hours must be completed by December 31, 2021.

WAGE: Up to $12.50 per hour, up to 5 days a week (no weekends or holidays).

QUALIFICATIONS: Open to any student currently enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, conservation, engineering, construction trades, GIS, communications, public relations, urban planning, or environmental sciences. A valid driver’s license and background check will be required.

DUTIES: The Intern will assist the local SWCDs with duties including, but not limited to:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) activities;
- Conservation practice layout and checkout (terraces, waterways, ponds, windbreaks, etc.);
- Conservation planning, mapping, and landowner contacts;
- Assisting with information, education, and outreach activities;
- General office duties, and other duties as determined by SWCD Commissioners and DCs;
- Submitting progress reports to the SWCDs / IDALS Division of Soil Conservation & Water Quality.

The intern will be required to complete a special project for the Districts (such as developing educational materials, planning an outreach event, or conducting research). At the end of the internship, the intern will give a presentation to the SWCD commissioners outlining their experiences and accomplishments.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: This position includes both office and field work. Successful candidates will be able to work as part of a team as well as independently; be able to work outdoors during various summer weather conditions, traverse through rough and steep terrain on foot, and work safely near large equipment; use GIS/GPS tools; be able to work with the public including landowners and operators, and complete work in a timely manner.

TO APPLY:
Submit the following: 1) a one-page cover letter explaining why you are interested in this position and what you hope to gain from this experience, 2) a detailed resume including education, experience, and skills, and 3) three references with their phone numbers and relationship to you. Send application materials to: Warren County SWCD, Attn: Kristine Labertew, 909 E. 2nd Ave. Ste. B, Indianola, IA 50125 or kristine.labertew@ia.nacdnet.net. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2021.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Kristine Labertew, Conservation Assistant, 515-961-5264 Ext. 3 or kristine.labertew@ia.nacdnet.net

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