PHEASANTS FOREVER & QUAIL FOREVER

The Habitat Organization

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Kansas State Coordinator

Location: NRCS State Office – Salina, KS
Application Deadline: November 13, 2020

Anticipated Start Date: January 4th, 2021

Description:
This position will serve in a joint capacity with Pheasants Forever, Inc. & Quail Forever (PF/QF), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other state conservation partners to coordinate and promote conservation efforts related to NRCS’s wildlife conservation programs and efforts within the state of Kansas. Activities include: providing direct oversight and supervision of the existing Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever staff, increasing awareness of working lands program opportunities through increased in-state coordination and promotion; providing guidance to staff and partners regarding program opportunities and delivery mechanisms; coordinating directly with PF/QF staff to promote and deliver Farm Bill program opportunities such as Working Lands for Wildlife, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Reserve Program through a variety of mediums and outlets.

The successful candidate will be a self-starter with an excellent understand of conservation programs and resource needs, be an excellent communicator, possess strong program coordination skills and a strong work ethic. This effort will provide an opportunity to make significant contributions to Working Lands Conservation outreach within the state of Kansas. The ideal candidate will have a passion for the outdoors with experience in agriculture and outdoor education and working with landowners. The candidate must understand how agriculture and conservation are connected and have a passion for helping Kansas landowners as they work to run sustainable agricultural operations. Travel will be expected throughout the state of Kansas.

Essential Job Duties:

- On behalf of NRCS and PF/QF, actively work to communicate the importance of wildlife conservation, as well as help promote on-going wildlife conservation efforts and programs (Working Lands for Wildlife) to external stakeholders and the public at large
- Communicate key wildlife and pollinator conservation messages to a Kansas audience, in collaboration with NRCS Public Affairs Staff
- Write press releases, newspaper articles, and newsletters to promote events and increase habitat partnership communication specifically focused on Working Lands for Wildlife
- Work directly with NRCS State Technical Staff on the development and management of conservation program tools (standards, jobsheets, etc.) for wildlife and pollinator conservation.
- Provide guidance to field office staff as it relates to the coordination, promotion, and delivery of Working Lands initiatives and programs within the state of Kansas.
- Promote EQIP, CSP, CRP and other Farm Bill programs as conservation tools to deliver working lands projects to benefit wildlife and pollinators within the state.
- Communicate land stewardship concepts, wildlife habitat management objectives, rangeland management techniques and program outcomes effectively with governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and individuals.
- Provide a leadership role in working with in-state PF/QF Staff to promote and deliver wildlife conservation programs within the state of Kansas.
- Coordinate and conduct conservation education and outreach activities with various public audiences.
Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent oral and written communication, coordination, and organizational skills.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and have excellent people skills.
- Must be able to work effectively with governmental agency staff and conservation organization representatives.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse personalities.
- Knowledge of conservation program offerings, including USDA Conservation Programs (EQIP, CRP, ACEP, CStP, etc.) as well as state (KDWPT) and local (PF/QF) programs.
- Ability to organize, develop, and implement educational and outreach activities, including workshops, seminars, and publications.
- Good computer skills including knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher and Social Media Platforms. Knowledge of Adobe InDesign and Illustrator a plus.
- Financial budgeting, reporting, and writing experience is preferred. Must be detail oriented.
- Valid driver’s license required with an acceptable driving record and history.

Training and Experience Guideline:
Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the applicant to possess the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. A general qualification guideline for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management, Agriculture, or closely related natural resources field and 3-years related field experience.

Starting Salary: Commensurate with Experience + Health Benefits and Retirement Package.

To Apply: Visit our website at: www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please combine your cover letter, resume and 3 references into one Word document or PDF file on the Recruitment website.

For more information about the position, contact Chris McLeland, South Region Director at: cmcleland@pheasantsforever.org 573-355-6530.

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