

District Intern, Summer Seasonal

Location: Mower Soil and Water Conservation District
Classification: Internship, Seasonal, 40-hour work week
Pay: \$15.00 per hour

Position Purpose:

This position exists to support the various work of Mower Soil and Water Conservation District, which works with farmers and partners to implement conservation and habitat on the ground. Mower SWCD also participates in and leads various monitoring programs that assess the water-resource conditions of local land and streams. This position will provide direct support to SWCD staff working in these areas.

Work Experience

Applicants do not need prior experience or knowledge in the work duties listed below. District staff will train and assign duties based on experiences and abilities of the intern.

Position Skills, Ability and Attributes

- General interest in agriculture or resource conservation
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Willingness to perform physical work in a variety of outdoor weather conditions.
- Interest in teamwork, helping, learning, and taking initiative as a self-starter.
- Valid driver’s license is required.

Primary Work Duties

Soil Health Data Collection: Field work, to pull samples for the Soil Health Initiative
Water Monitoring: Assist water-monitoring specialist with pulling water samples for various programs
Outreach and Education: Assist with promoting conservation practices and programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with planning and coordination of field events - Develop flyers, postcards and other educational materials for communication - Assist with social-media content
Field Work Assistant: Support the implementation of conservation practices. Activities could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey assistance with technical staff - Flagging vegetative buffers - GPS recording of boundaries and establishing boundary markers - Assisting with construction inspection
Training and Personal Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development training and objective plan for development - Take part in organizational meetings that give exposure for intern’s interests and development goals
Office and Administrative Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up events related to Mower SWCD - Provide support for meeting plans - Complete data entry into database for recording monitoring work
Perform other tasks at the direction of Mower SWCD staff.

Work Environment:

Mower SWCD is an active work environment with staff who enjoy staying busy and working as a team. This position will support the district's current work but also incorporate experiences that apply to the intern's interests and desired skills for personal and professional development. Work is performed in the SWCD office, outdoors and at various sites around Mower County. Lifting requirement is 50 pounds on an occasional basis. Position also includes exposure to outdoor conditions during fieldwork, such as walking cropland fields in all temperatures and humidity as well as exposure to construction noise. Overall supervision is by the District Manager. Day-to-day supervision is by the Mower SWCD staff.

Application Procedure:

Applications can be found on the Mower SWCD website –www.mowerswcd.org – and at the Mower SWCD office, 1408 21st Ave N.W., in Austin. Complete an application and submit to Mower SWCD.

For mailing an application, send to:

Cody Fox, District Manager
Mower SWCD
1408 21st Ave NW
Austin, MN 55912

For emailing an application, send to:

cody@mowerdistrict.org

Application period will close on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Condition of Announcement –Mower SWCD reserves the right to make changes to the content of this position without notification and may at any time withdraw the announcement or extend the application period.

