

Summer 2012 Internships
McHenry County Conservation District
Richmond, IL 60071

- POSITION:** **Research Field Station Interns – Glacial Park, Richmond**
- DEPARTMENT:** **Natural Resource Management**
- DISCIPLINES:** **Natural Resource Management, Environmental Sciences, Biology, or Earth Sciences.**
- JOB DESCRIPTION:** Primary duties emphasize field implementation of restoration work in the Midwest, including but not limited to brush removal and herbiciding; exotic weed control; seed collection, processing and planting; wildlife management; and wetland and stream restoration; collection and analysis of biological data, soil/ecosystem surveys, preparation of educational exhibits, acting as a docent for exhibit visitors, and intern-selected independent studies.
- EDUCATIONAL VALUE:** Intern will gain an understanding of how and why ecological restoration is practiced in the Midwest. Weekly educational presentations and bi-weekly field trips will allow intern to understand the history of Midwestern landscapes and the challenges facing land managers today. Furthermore, interns will have the opportunity to learn about the operations of other MCCD departments, such as Planning & Development, Natural Resource Management, Police, Wildlife Resources, Communications and/or Land & Facilities.
- QUALIFICATIONS & WORKING CONDITIONS:** Applicants should have approximately two years of course work in ecology, biology, geography, natural resource management, earth sciences or a related conservation field; willingness to acquire Illinois herbicide operator's license; possess a current, valid driver's license. Internship involves outdoor work in all weather conditions as well as indoor work, involving both light and heavy lifting (30-40 lbs). Frequent amount of time spent walking and moderate time spent sitting and standing. Requires a sighted individual (vision corrected to 20/20) to conduct restoration work and surveys, and with normal hearing (corrected to within a normal audible range) for interacting with employees and public. Possible work hazards include herbicides/pesticides operation, use of power equipment (i.e. chainsaws), and contact with nature (i.e. bees, insects/spiders, poison ivy, etc.).
- SCHEDULE:** 10 Weeks; Mid/late May through early August; 40 hour work week Monday through Friday, usually 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- WAGES & BENEFITS:** \$8.25 per hour, college credit as approved by applicant's institution and advisor. On-site housing available on a first-come basis at a cost of \$50 per week.
- APPLICATION:** Send cover letter and resume of relevant training and experience, dates of availability, and (unofficial) transcript. Application due by 4/30/12.

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