Division of Forestry
Cumberland District Internship

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry is seeking an intern for the dates of May 20, 2024 – August 9, 2024, in the Cumberland District Headquarters in Cookeville, TN.

Location:
Cookeville, Tennessee

Examples of job duties include:

Under the direction of the Assistant District Forester and Cumberland District forestry field staff the chosen candidate would receive experience with:

- Cruising timber for the sake of sales and silvicultural planning on any of the divisions 5 state forest.
  - State Forest within the Cumberland Forestry District are Franklin-Marion State Forest, Bledsoe State Forest, Prentice Cooper State Forest, Pickett State Forest, and Standing Stone State Forest.
- Timber harvest site inspections and assessing those sites are in compliance with state regulation.
- Assessing recreational use trails and working with division staff in maintenance planning.
- Assessing recreational use areas for risk to natural resources such as water quality and forest health.
- Assisting the Tennessee Division of Forestry: Cumberland District in the creation, implementation, and execution of public outreach and educational opportunities.
- Shadowing Division staff during the implementation of silvicultural treatments including harvesting, prescribed burns, pesticide application,
  - Participation in conducting prescribed burns or pesticide application WILL NOT be an experience offered as part of this internship.

Other duties may be assigned as needed.
**Education:**
- High School Diploma
- Currently seeking a degree in forestry or other related field.
- Must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Essential Knowledge and Required Skills:**
- The ideal candidate will be a detailed-oriented self-starter and a team player. The ideal candidate will demonstrate knowledge of basic Forest Management Practices.

**Working Conditions:**
- Primarily field work including traveling and navigating in rural areas within the Cumberland Forestry District.
- Some office work may include data management and writing outreach material, with supervision from Assistant District Forester.
- Independent work may be required with supervision from Cumberland District Staff.
- Mileage for special state travel associated with the Division of Forestry, will be reimbursed, with potential to use a state vehicle for travel when available.

**Comments:**
- This is a paid internship.
- Some overnight travel may be required. Work related overnight travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Tennessee State Policies.
- For more information on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry please visit: [https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html](https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html).

**Working Conditions:**
- This internship is primarily office-based with the possibility of some travel along with the opportunity to work remotely at times.
How to Apply:
To apply for this internship opportunity, please send the following documents to Jamye.Freeman@tn.gov :

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Most recent education transcript
- 2 professional letters of recommendation
- DD214 (Veteran Candidates only)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

Other Information:

- The State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pursuant to the State of Tennessee’s Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State’s policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person’s race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veterans status, or any other category protected by state of and/or federal civil rights laws.