

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: **Anna Beal Summer Intern**
JOB FAMILY: Volunteer
FLSA STATUS: None/Volunteer
POSITION DATE: May 19 – August 1, 2008
APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 7, 2008

Summary of Position:

The Anna Beal Intern will receive a \$3,500 educational scholarship, paid by the Anna Beal Trust of Waterloo, to an Iowa school after completing 11 weeks of stewardship work throughout the state primarily on The Nature Conservancy preserves and public agency properties. This position requires daily outdoor physical labor for extended periods of in adverse conditions. Interns will be responsible for performing stewardship tasks such as: building and repairing fence line, removing exotic species manually and mechanically, working on prescribed burns and maintaining tools and equipment.

The Conservancy will provide food and lodging in rustic conditions (state parks camping) during the work week. Interns should provide their own sleeping bag and tent. Pre- and post- weekend travel to work sites is the responsibility of the intern, and therefore the provision of personal transportation, not required, is encouraged.

Requirements:

- Iowa undergraduate student attending an Iowa college or university
- A sincere interest in preserving Iowa's ecosystems
- A strong work ethic with a flexible and positive attitude
- Must have the ability to:
 - Follow directions given by crew leaders and land stewards
 - Work and live with a large crew for 11 weeks
 - Work independently and in a group in the field
 - Communicate effectively both orally and in writing to a wide variety of people
 - Work and live with a wide variety of people in tight quarters and under stressful conditions

Working Conditions/Physical Effort:

- Ability to travel throughout Iowa and camp in rural areas
- Cook and sleep in rustic conditions
- Work long field hours in isolated settings
- Ability to perform exceptionally hard physical outdoor work for extended and irregular periods in all weather conditions and, at times, hazardous terrain

- Work on tallgrass prairie, deciduous forest, oak savannas and wetland ecosystems
- If driving Conservancy vehicles, you must be 21-years old with a valid driver's license and safe driving record
- Ability to SAFELY use and maintain preserve tools and equipment
- Ability to work hard and have fun

Learning Experience:

- Broaden your knowledge of environmental issues
- Develop basic skills for preserve management tasks through hands-on experience in a wide range of ecosystems
- Learn leadership skills
- Build lasting friendships

For questions, contact Laura Norian at 515-244-5044 or lnorian@tnc.org.

Please return Anna Beal volunteer application, cover letter and letter of recommendation to:

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