

POPE SOIL & WATER



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INTERNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION POPE SWIFT COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

POSITION TITLE: Intern

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 17, 2010 at 4 pm

POSITION LOCATION: Glenwood, MN (duration May through August approximately)

COMPENSATION: \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

POSITION PURPOSE: This position is a seasonal position under direct supervision of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Office Manager and the Pope SWCD Board of Supervisors. The person will work closely with the Pope County Ag Inspector and Swift County Soil and Water Conservation District. The seasonal position is primarily responsible for implementing projects in regards to weed management in Pope and Swift County. This is a multi-pronged approach focused on our newest invasive weeds that will include: education, documentation, treatment, and re-seeding with local eco-type native seed sources. Education includes organizing workshops and tours. This position will monitor, treat, and document the locations of invasive species infestations with a GIS, Arc Pad or GPS unit. Weed identification field guides, herbicide, spraying equipment, and local-ecotype seed will be purchased and distributed to landowners. Operation of machinery and farming background or experience preferred. The work hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. The hours may vary also based on what work is available to be completed. This position will also need to assist with tree planting and some native grass seeding projects as well as other duties as assigned. This position is funded in part through a grant and has the capability of being available for 2 summers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong interpersonal, written and public speaking communication skills and capacity to work with a wide variety of people.
- Must be physically able and willing to work in varied terrain and weather conditions, capable of lifting 70 lbs.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must be willing to organize workshops and tours, give presentations, prepare annual reports, and develop educational materials and brochures.
- Farm, rural, agribusiness background preferred. Experience with machinery helpful.
- Ability to calculate proper herbicide application rates, operate computers and GIS, Arc Pad or GPS devices, comprehend maps and general rules and information.
- Self motivated, able to work with a minimum of supervision.
- Agronomy, Agricultural Business, Natural Resources, biology or related background or education or training helpful.
- Ability to maintain a high degree of professionalism in representing Pope and Swift SWCDs at public events and in the field with private landowners and general public.
- Willing to work long days in the outdoors if conditions are good.
- Other duties as assigned.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

CALL OR EMAIL TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION to:

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