

Nash County Extension Intern

Location: Nash County, NC

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community and Rural Development

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Regina Moseley - Interim CED; Area Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Colby Griffin, Horticulture Extension Agent; Brittany Pendleton, Agriculture Extension Agent; Traci Dixon, Community & Rural Development Agent; Kyndai Bridgers, Digital Skills Agent

Brenda Wind; 4-H Program Assistant

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The selected intern will be exposed to all areas of Extension. Primary responsibility will be to work with the county extension agents and staff assisting with day-to-day programming that serves the needs of the clientele.

- The intern will work with the 4-H Summer Programs and other opportunities helping prepare youth for district and state competitions.
- Intern will work to establish a teen summer leadership internship for youth, allowing them to serve as assistants in the 4-H summer program, and the leadership, community service, and citizenship programming.
- Assist the Agriculture Agents working with the local ag industry and farmers to trouble-shoot farming needs in the area of horticulture, livestock and row crops. May include helping update voluntary ag district maps, field days, and field visits
- Assist Master Gardener Volunteers with programming needs; work in the onsite Arboretum gardens.
- Assist the FCS Agent with food and nutrition education programs; provide food demonstrations at senior centers, faith-based organizations, community center, and Farmers Market
- Assist the CRD Agent in directing leadership, financial management, and community education programs
- Assist the Digital Skills Agent in delivering educational programs related to basic computer skills and knowledge

Preferred Qualifications/Previous Coursework:

- Desire to learn, assist, and teach under the supervision of agents and staff in a variety of program areas
- Strong oral and written communication skills; Basic computer skills needed to assist with daily activities.
- Course work in Extension Education, Agriculture, Animal Science, Public Relations, Communication/Marketing, Foods and Nutrition, and Youth Development Education

Benefits/Skills student will gain through this internship:

- Receive a well-balanced experience and understanding of Extension programming
- Exposure to partnership with local government and numerous county departments
- Learn basic workforce preparation skills for serving the public and working as a team member
- Learn the aspects of program planning and the evaluation system
- Build skills in program development, project management, and utilization of technology in program

Additional Information

Our office is positioned to provide additional food-to-table and the local food system education through the connections with the Nash County Farmers Market and the Town of Nashville's Farmers Market. The markets provide a retail space for local farmers to sell their products while the facility provides the store front for meeting the food needs of people of all walks of life. Furthermore, our office is located at the Nash County Ag Center, which is home to the Nash County Arboretum that also serves as a teaching facility and lab for plant enthusiasts.