

Cleveland County Extension Intern

Location: Cleveland County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Charlie Godfrey, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Other Mentors/Supervisors: Greg Traywick, County Extension Director; Nancy Abasiekong, FCS Agent; Daniel Shires, Commercial Horticulture Agent; Julie Flowers, Consumer Horticulture Agent

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will be engaged in a variety of program support roles aimed at enhancing the total county extension program and orienting them to the diversity of our Extension Base Programs.

Primary responsibilities will be to assist the 4-H agent in the planning, delivery and evaluation of youth development programs including school enrichment (embryology), special interest projects, camps, and competitions (gardening, presentations, etc.).

The intern will also shadow agricultural agents on farm visits and assist with on-farm demonstrations, field days, and research.

In addition, the intern will take a hands-on role in supporting a variety of family & consumer sciences programs and ongoing community development initiatives.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Demonstrated interest in the NC Cooperative Extension mission.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written).
- Ability to prioritize tasks and follow instruction.
- Self-starter, but responsive to supervision.
- Dependability.
- Ability to interact effectively with a wide range of audiences, including youth, adults, and seniors.
- Some familiarity with the design, implementation, and evaluation of educational programs.
- Experience with social media platforms that can be used to market programs and share success stories.
- Commitment to diversity, equity & inclusion.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Gain exposure to the total county extension program, benefiting from guided experience in program planning, delivery and evaluation.
- Gain firsthand experience in program marketing & accountability (reporting), and provide an opportunity for him/her to engage directly with targeted audiences and stakeholders.
- These experiences will help the intern evaluate Extension as a career option.

Additional Information

We have hosted interns in Cleveland County for several years. Two former interns are now employed as agents with NC Cooperative Extension.