

## Henderson County Extension Intern

**Location:** Henderson County

**Program Area:** 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** William T. Kelley

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Karen Blaedow, Hannah Worrell, Courtney Clemons, Becky Tankersley

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

The Cooperative Extension internship in Henderson County provides a student with an opportunity to be engaged in helping our community through extension programming. Interns will participate in programming areas offered in Henderson County including 4-H, horticulture and local foods through a variety of activities, events, and experiences.

The intern will assist in preparations for planned events and activities by assembling supplies, contacting participants, soliciting sponsorships and support from external sources, and, as appropriate, conducting teaching, training, or other program presentations.

The intern will be assigned to work primarily with the vegetable and small fruit program conducting field trials, helping with field days and local farmers markets.

The intern will also be assigned at times to work with the 4-H program in Ag Day Camp, District Activity Day and 4-H special programs such as sewing and cooking classes.

The intern will also assist other agents and program assistants in Family & Consumer Science and EFNEP to give them the opportunity to have a comprehensive knowledge of Cooperative Extension.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Self-motivated; positive attitude
- Enjoys working with people and ability to work with diverse audiences
- Ability to take direction, follow through on tasks, and work independently
- Dependable, organized, reliable and a team oriented
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Available to work occasional evenings and weekends
- Ability to work in hot, humid conditions outdoors
- Eager to learn about Cooperative Extension

### Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Will know the career possibilities available within Cooperative Extension
- Enhance knowledge and skills to be better prepared to compete in the job market
- Be able to apply classroom training to relevant on-the-job situations
- Exposure to working with people from various backgrounds and training
- Great Resume Builder
- Learn how to work in a fast-paced environment

### Additional Information

The Henderson County internship offers a great opportunity to open doors to an Extension career. Two previous interns from other internship programs now work full-time in our office in Extension jobs. Another is now set on a career in Extension as soon as he finishes school.