

## Wilson County Extension Intern

**Location:** Wilson County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Cyndi Lauderdale

### **Position Description/Responsibilities:**

The Horticulture Intern will conduct youth education programs, educational presentations for adults, and perform horticulture work in the Wilson Botanical Gardens.

The intern will plan, manage, conduct, and evaluate summer gardening educational programs for youth ages 10-16. This program will be offered to youth throughout the county and conducted at the Wilson Botanical Gardens. Topics of the programs may include plant growth and development, soils and water, ecology, insects, landscape horticulture, fruits and vegetables, life skills, and career exploration.

The intern will plan, manage, conduct (or arrange for others to conduct), and organize educational programs for adults as part of a monthly education series.

The intern will perform horticultural work in a public garden. This includes, but is not limited to, garden renovation, plant removal and installation, plant cataloging and labeling, pruning, composting, and other general garden duties.

### **Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:**

- Education and/or science coursework is required. Horticulture coursework is preferred.
- Applicants must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.
- Applicants must be flexible, organized, and able to work independently.
- Applicants must be able to work outdoors in ambient weather conditions and be able to lift up to 25 lbs.

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

- Practical horticulture knowledge
- Public speaking
- Working with different age groups
- Evaluation skills
- Life skills

### **Additional Information**

The Wilson Botanical Gardens is a 12-acre public garden designed to provide education, entertainment, and beautification in a small-town setting. The garden is managed as a 501 c 3 non-profit on county land and maintained almost entirely by volunteers.