

Nash County Extension Intern

Location: Nash County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Sandy Hall

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Brittany Pendleton, Colby Griffin, Jennifer Coltrain, Kyndai Bridgers, Regina Moseley, Traci Dixon

Position

Description/Responsibilities:

The selected intern will be exposed to all areas of Extension enabling a well-rounded Extension experience. Primary responsibility will be to work with the county extension agents and staff assisting with day to day programming responsibilities that serve the needs of the clientele.

The 4-H Summer Program will provide educational hands on learning in which the intern would be able to teach and assist. 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 serving as assistances in the summer program as well as help lead in leadership, community service and citizenship programming.

Agriculture Agents work with the local ag industry and farmers to trouble shoot farming needs in the area of horticulture, livestock and row crops. Project may include helping update voluntary ag district maps, assisting agents in educational programs, field days and field visits, assist Master Gardener Volunteers with programming needs as well as work in the onsite Arboretum gardens.

The Family and Consumer Science Agent teaches many food and nutrition education programs and provides food demonstrations at the senior centers, faith based organizations, community center, and farmers market in which the intern could assist.

The office is responsible for operations of the Nash County Farmers Market and assisting with the Town of Nashville's Farmers Market. The intern would be asked to assist with occasional marketing activities and events as schedule allows.

The Community and Rural Development Agent directs leadership, financial management and community education programs in which the intern can assist in programming.

The Digital Skills Agent provides educational programs related to basic computer skills and knowledge to audience needing assistance in learning how to operate basic devices in variety of community locations in which the intern can assist.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Interest in hands on learning, working in an active and busy work environment, assisting and teaching youth and adults in various areas that helps people improve their lives through Extension program opportunities
- Desire to learn, assist and teach under the supervision of the agents and staff in a variety of program areas - youth development, agriculture, foods and nutrition, public relations, digital skills and volunteerism.
- Strong oral and written communication skills. Exceptional customer service skills. Basic computer skills needed to assist with daily program 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 and how Extension partners and collaborates to meet the needs of the community.
- Exposure to the 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 delivery

Additional Information

Our office offers a wide variety of opportunities with exposure to many programs that help youth and adult audiences. We are 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 Farmers 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 Agriculture Center in which is the home to the Nash County Arboretum which serves as a teaching facility and lab for plant enthusiasts.