

Employment Opportunity - Summer

Position Title: Biological Sciences Technician - Botanist; GS-0404-04 or 05 (1 position)

Duty Location: Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge, MN, WI or IA

Length of Service: Full-time (40 hours/week), seasonal (summer 2009) specific dates are dependant upon the school schedule of the selected individual.

Pay: Approximately \$13.22/hour (GS 4) or \$14.79/hour (GS 5) pay is dependent on education

Employment Conditions:

This position will be filled through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). To qualify for a STEP position, the following criteria must be met: be at least 16 years of age; be a U.S. Citizen; be enrolled in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school; attend school full-time or part-time; be a student in good standing with the academic institution; meet the qualifications for the position and grade level. *This position requires education of two-years beyond high school. The candidate must also be registered for classes and/or accepted for enrollment for the Fall 2009 semester.* To qualify for the GS 5 level, the applicant must have a bachelors degree.

Position Description:

Incumbent will be assigned field monitoring duties to collect botanical information relative to an ongoing reed canary grass study. Ability to identify and monitor local wetland and wet prairie flora during various stages of development required. Will involve frequent travel between Wabasha, MN and McGregor, IA. Position will include ATV and boat training and operation. Must have the ability to lift/carry 50 pounds and work in all weather conditions. Office duties include computer operation for data input and analysis. A valid state driver's license is required.

Application:

Applicants should **submit a resume, including references, transcripts (copies are acceptable) and OF-306 (Declaration for Federal Employment)**. The OF-306 can be downloaded from the internet at www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf. Applicants are also encouraged to **submit an additional narrative** which specifically addresses the applicants ability and experience in conducting a botanical field study or knowledge and ability to identify wetland/wet prairie flora found in southeastern Minnesota. Also ability and experience in ATV and boat operation; experience on a riverine system; and knowledge and/or understanding of the Geographical Information System.

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by C.O.B. February 27, 2009 to:

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge – Winona District
51 East 4th Street, Room 203
Winona, MN 55987
Attn: Mary Stefanski

For additional information about the position, please phone: (507) 494-6229

