



## Alaska

# Student Employment Programs

**Are you looking for a way to make a living and a difference for wildlife?**

We are seeking talented students from a wide range of career paths and backgrounds for employment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. From arctic tundra to Aleutian coastline, we offer unique jobs conserving the nature of Alaska. You will gain valuable work skills and life experience at one of our national wildlife refuges, fish and wildlife field offices, or regional office.

## Which Service Career is Right for You?

The Service protects wildlife using a large tool box of disciplines including natural resource managers, scientists, communicators, and business and professional support.

### Field Scientists

Do you pay attention to detail? Do you have the energy to hike and perform physical activities when doing field research? Are you comfortable working in a team?

*You could be:* a Wildlife Biologist, a Fisheries Biologist, a Hydrologist, or an Archaeologist for the Service.

Field scientists monitor the health of Alaska's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Their field research informs management decisions regarding climate change, endangered species, international treaties, cultural resources, and land use.

### Natural Resource Managers

Do you like analyzing complex problems? Do you enjoy working with others to find innovative solutions? Are you diplomatic? *You could be:* a Wildlife Refuge Manager, a Natural Resource Planner, an Endangered Species Coordinator, an Anthropologist, a Law Enforcement Officer or a Landscape Architect for the Service.

Natural Resources Managers work with neighbors, tribes, community organizations and the public to represent the interests of wildlife in land-use planning and management, enforcement and restoration.

### A Communicator?

Are you outgoing? Are you able to express complex ideas in ways others can understand? Do you enjoy connecting people to nature through recreation and education?

*You could be a:* Park Ranger, Interpretive Specialist, Environmental Educator, or a Public Affairs Specialist for the Service.

### Program Support Professionals

Are you passionate about wildlife conservation, but not pursuing a natural resource related degree?

*You could be a specialist in:* Budget and Finance, Contracting, Human Resources, Information Technology, Maintenance, or Engineering for the Service.



*Use your smart phone to learn more or to apply for one of our student programs.*

<http://alaska.fws.gov/working.htm>

## Which Program is Right for You?

The Service in Alaska offers two programs, The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). Both programs include positions in multiple professions.

## The Student Career Experience Program

The SCEP is an on-the-job training program *related to a student's academic course of study*. Participating students are exposed to public service careers while completing their degree.

Selected students are employed over the course of their academic career for a minimum of 640 hours at two or more Service field stations across Alaska, primarily during the field season which runs from mid May to mid August.

Upon graduation, students then have the opportunity to be converted to a full-time permanent position. When placing students we consider geographic preferences and career goals, but we also highly encourage mobility and flexibility in early career employees.

### *How do I apply for the SCEP?*

Visit our [website](#) for more information. Submit a completed application Package by **January 27, 2012**.

## Eligibility

*Not eligible? Visit our website for other employment and volunteer information.*

To be eligible for a student program you must be:

- A U.S. citizen;
- At least 16 years of age;
- Enrolled or accepted in a program of Study at least **half-time** at a technical or vocational school, a two or four-year college or university, and or a graduate or professional school;
- In good academic standing (GPA above 2.00)

## Student Temporary Employment Program

The STEP is designed for students *interested in temporary employment which may or may not relate to his or her current course of study*.

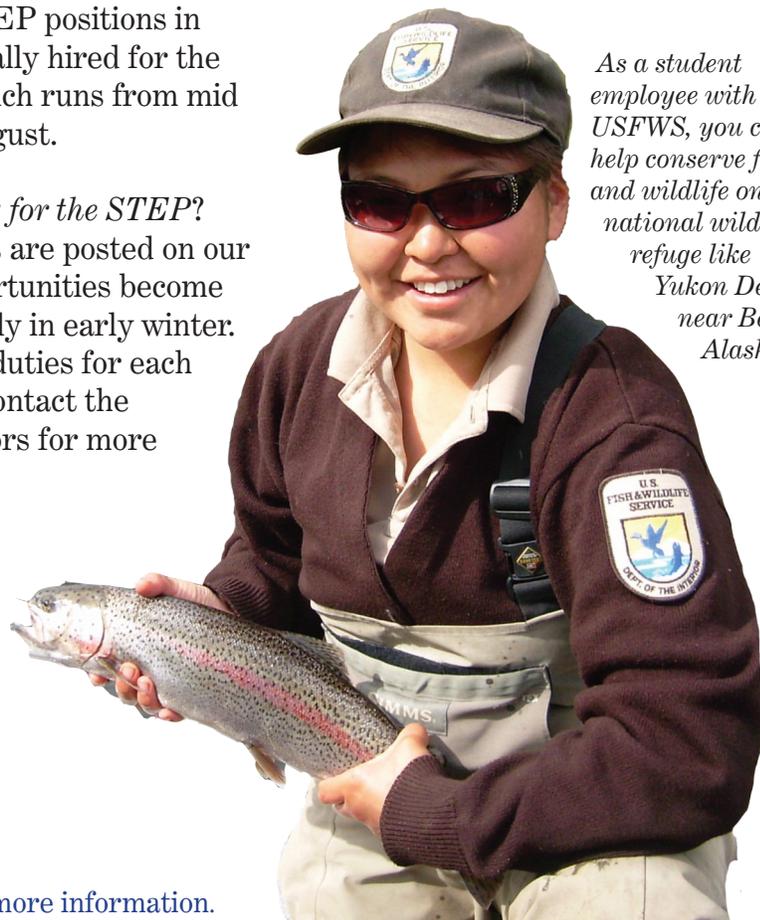
As a STEP employee, you can earn money while continuing your education and combine academic studies with on-the-job work experience. STEP positions in Alaska are usually hired for the field season which runs from mid May to mid August.

### *How do I apply for the STEP?*

STEP positions are posted on our [website](#) as opportunities become available, usually in early winter. Deadlines and duties for each position vary, contact the listed supervisors for more information.

## Benefits

With the Service in Alaska you receive competitive **pay** for part time or full time work while attending school; be eligible for **promotion**; **travel** the state; accrue annual and sick **leave**; and --most importantly-- **make a difference** for wildlife.



*As a student employee with the USFWS, you could help conserve fish and wildlife on a national wildlife refuge like Yukon Delta near Bethel, Alaska.*