

Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, Agricultural Education Intern (CLOSING DATE: 04/05/2019)

Background: In February 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the National FFA Organization (formally the Future Farmers of the America Organization). The FFA is a national youth organization of more than 670,000 student members as part of local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C. This MOA outlines two goals for Regional EPA Offices: (1) Educate FFA on relevant policy and environmental issues across EPA's ten regions and (2) Enhance collaboration among Regional Agriculture Advisors, Regional Environmental Education Coordinators and local FFA chapters and state FFA associations. For more information about the MOA see:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/image2019-02-13-171741-508.pdf>

Further, EPA Region 8 would like to expand its education and outreach efforts to the public about agriculture and the environment. EPA Region 8 regularly receives requests to provide information to the public about agriculture and the environment. As a result, outreach and educational materials are needed to inform a diverse audience about agricultural production, environmental challenges resulting from agricultural production and the agricultural community's efforts to protect the environment.

Job Description: The Region 8 Agriculture Education Program Intern will support the work of Rebecca Perrin, Region 8 Agriculture Advisor, and Wendy Dew, Region 8 Public Affairs Branch, to help: develop outreach materials for the public and/or kids; assist in building the Region 8 relationship with state FFA Organization chapters; and design outreach campaigns. We are looking for an energetic student who is passionate about solving problems and promoting creative solutions to a diverse audience.

Specific duties may include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Research the FFA Organization's existing agricultural & environmental programs.
- Identify opportunities to partner with state FFA Chapters in their educational programming. Depending upon opportunities, develop materials to assist with this effort.
- Help design a program for Region 8 and state FFA chapters to have regular engagement on topics of interest to both FFA Organization and EPA.
- Help design the Region 8 outreach campaign for the 2020 National Ag Week and Earth Day, including social media, and assist the Regional Ag Advisor in designing and/or identifying events.
- Create outreach materials for the public and kids to be used by Region 8 at state fair booths and other events.

Desired Skills:

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic Excel, Word and Publisher
- Ability to work independently
- Strong research skills
- Excellent interpersonal and relationship-building skills

- An analytical mind; able to bring new ideas to increase effectiveness of existing outreach

Knowledge/Experience (optional, but a bonus):

- Social media/Marketing/Outreach design
- Environmental and/or Agricultural Education experience or coursework

Timeline: Intern will be on board for a minimum of 2 months, maximum of 4 months. (There may be an opportunity to extend for a maximum of 6 months, but this is not assured)

Desired hours per week: 40 hours is preferred; however, this is negotiable.

Desired start date: Negotiable, but ideally before June 1, 2018. (Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4-week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed)

How to Apply: Email your transcripts, resume, cover sheet to Rebecca Perrin at perrin.rebecca@epa.gov by Friday, April 5, 2019.

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