

CONNECTING LATINO YOUTH TO NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION: NORTHEAST URBAN WILDLIFE REFUGES PROGRAM

A HISPANIC ACCESS FOUNDATION AND U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

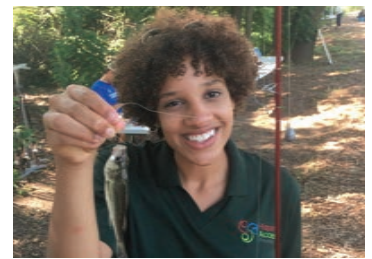


APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 12, 2018 AT 11:59PM EST

PURPOSE

This program was designed to create a greater pool of culturally diverse students with valuable experiences and increasing their understanding of the natural resource career opportunities within the USFWS Northeast Region. HAF will select and oversee seven highly motivated students to experience hands-on work with, and training by, USFWS natural resource professionals through 12-week paid internships.

Students will be introduced to various real-world public education, interpretation and communications, conservation and rehabilitation activities through work assignments, and informal and/or formal training sessions provided by USFWS employees. Participants will receive community outreach training, mentoring and ongoing support from HAF to effectively carry out their assignments and enhance skills such as culturally appropriate or bilingual community outreach.



BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Local candidates strongly preferred; priority will be given to applicants currently living in the Northeast region (including the states of MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA, MD, VA and DC) or individuals with previous community ties in these regions.
- Ages 18 to 35
- Possess US citizenship or US work authorization
- Enrolled in an undergraduate or degree-seeking program at an accredited institution OR have graduated from one within the past year
- Have a strong interest — or relevant experience — in areas pertaining to natural resource management, wildlife management, biology, community outreach, environmental education
- Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are preferred but not required for all positions

TIME FRAME

- Applications must be submitted by March 12, 2018 at 11:59pm EST.
- Final placement decisions and assignments will be made by the end of March 2018.
- The 12-week internship period will begin in late May and conclude in August 2018, depending on specific requirements of the refuge site.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed and rated according to the following criteria - relevant educational and work experience, oral and written communication skills, maturity, professionalism, technical knowledge and expertise, adaptability and ability to work effectively with diverse audiences. Specific assignments will be based on best fit with specific requirements of each USFWS location. Final candidates will undergo a background check before beginning their assignment.

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