



STUDENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Vacancy Announcement Number: **USDA NRCS-CA-12-STEP1**

Application Period CLOSES: February 24, 2012

US Citizenship Required

Position:

STUDENT TRAINEE: **Soil Conservation Technician, Range Technician, and Civil Engineering Technician.** Pay range is \$9.74 – \$15.88 per hour, full-time during summer months, part-time where available. Many positions will be filled.

Duties:

With the mission of “Helping People Help the Land,” the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides products and services that enable people to be good stewards of the Nation’s soil, water, and related natural resources on non-Federal lands. With our help, people are better able to conserve, maintain, or improve their natural resources. As a result of our technical and financial assistance, land managers and communities take a comprehensive approach to the use and protection of natural resources in rural, suburban, urban, and developing areas. We at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s NRCS need people who want to apply their education and experience to making sure that all of us enjoy the benefits of productive soil, clean water, clean air, and abundant wildlife that come from a healthy environment. You can alternate periods of work and study, or work on a part-time schedule while attending school. You’ll work for, and learn from, NRCS professionals in your field of study. You’ll learn by doing and earn while you learn.

Benefits:

Full-time work hours during summer breaks (40 hour work week, Monday thru Friday). Eligible to earn sick leave, and appointments that are for more than 90 days may also earn annual leave (vacation).

Eligibility:

Expected graduation date is **Fall 2013 or later**. Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student at an accredited college or university and be taking at least a half-time academic course load. Students must be pursuing a course of study related to natural resources, environmental studies, soil conservation, rangeland management, natural resources and/or other agricultural disciplines such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, rangeland management, civil or agricultural engineering. Must possess (and maintain) a GPA of at least 2.5 or above.

How to Apply:

See attached application or contact Jodi Nielsen to request an application at (530) 792-5614 or Jodi.Nielsen@ca.usda.gov. Fax or mail your application, resume and COPY of transcripts to: Jodi Nielsen, Human Resources Specialist, USDA, NRCS, 430 G Street #4164, Davis, CA 95616 OR FAX (530) 792-5796. Please include the following information on the resume:

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