



INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Part-Time Research Assistant
Western Water Report & Outreach
National Young Farmers Coalition

General Description

In the arid West, water is essential to the success of farmers and ranchers. The good stewardship of that water is becoming more and more critical as stressors such as population growth and climate variability increase. Yet, young farmers and ranchers do not have a seat at table when it comes to shaping the policy, funding, partnerships and education that directly affect their operations. To ensure a viable agricultural sector in the West, we need young farmer leaders to help determine the future of western water.

NYFC is developing a western water report and outreach effort to elevate the needs of young farmers and ranchers, examine the role conservation plays in young farmer values and success, and develop key recommendations to make these findings a reality. Our geographic area spans the seven states of the Colorado River Basin. We will be gathering data through regional focus groups, an online survey and individual interviews.

We are seeking a part-time, temporary intern to assist with focus groups research and data recording and online survey promotion. This internship is unpaid; however, all travel expenses for project purposes will be covered by NYFC.

Benefits of Internship

- Gather significant experience in data collection and organization
- Participate in grassroots action
- Meet with dozens of young farmers and ranchers across the West
- Support the work of a local non-profit
- Gain insight into some of the most pressing issues young agrarians face
- Travel extensively throughout western states

Intern Qualifications

- Highly organized with superb record-keeping skills
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication
- Willingness and ability to travel for long days and to work weekend and evening hours
- Respectful of and willing to communicate with people of all backgrounds and opinions
- Self-motivated and hard-working



- Familiarity with western water and/or agricultural production desired
- Must have current valid drivers' license and be able and willing to drive

Intern tasks

- Travel with NYFC's Western Organizer to communities throughout the seven states of the Colorado River Basin, for a total of 10-14 days on the road.
- Manage recording equipment, release forms and contact information during focus groups
- Upload and manage all information and other resources following focus groups
- Create abridged transcripts of all focus group audio recordings
- Work with western organizer to promote online survey via e-blasts, newsletters, social media, and direct outreach.

Location & Timeline: Candidate will be located in or near Durango, Colorado with flexibility to travel for 2-3 weeks in April. Position timeline runs from date of hire through May 31st.

Hours & Travel: Hours vary week to week. Focus group travel will be the most time intensive. Intern and western organizer may be on the road for seven days at a time twice over the course of the position, traveling and doing computer work during the day and hosting gatherings at night. Upon completion of travel and transcript creation, hours will be limited to around 3-5/week for online survey promotion.

Compensation: Unpaid; however all project-related travel expenses are covered.

How to apply: Please send a brief, one-page resume to Kate@youngfarmers.org by Friday, March 27th, 2015.