



Sedgwick County is a multi-agent county in south central Kansas. Wichita is the county seat of Sedgwick County, which includes 19 other cities. The diversified urban, suburban, and rural population is near 500,000. Sedgwick County extension programs focused in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture/Horticulture, and Community Development are conducted from a 41,000 square foot Extension Education Center located on 12 acres. The 4-H program has a strong tradition of leadership and participation in state and national 4-H events. There are 15 clubs, 8 strong county project groups, and 535 4-H members. Sedgwick County 4-H is based in nine school districts and 19 communities. This position is a part of a professional staff which includes 10 agents and 20 full and part time office and program support staff.

TITLE: Sedgwick County Extension Agent

PRIMARY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: 4-H Youth Development – Community Partnerships (school enrichment, STEAM programs, and military youth outreach)

LOCATION: Sedgwick County, Wichita, KS

APPLICATION DATE: Applications will be accepted through October 30. Interviews will be conducted on November 19, 2020. Please save this date in case you are a finalist as there will be no alternatives. The starting date is negotiable.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Extension agents are professional educators who serve as a link between Kansas State University and communities across Kansas. Agents are administratively responsible to the Director of K-State Research and Extension (represented by a designated administrator) and the local extension board.

1. Jointly lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive 4-H program for school-aged youth in cooperation with local residents, community organizations, and extension colleagues. The primary focus for this position is youth development, specifically in the areas of school enrichment, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math) programming, and military youth outreach as well as continued work to identify additional groups to serve. While this position will not have 4-H community club oversight, the selected candidate will be expected to provide support for local, state, and national 4-H events.
2. Programming will include these steps:
 - a) Identify local needs and emerging issues related to K-State Research and Extension's five Grand Challenges (water, community vitality, health, developing tomorrow's leaders and global food systems) by engaging with program development committees and other community organizations and professionals.
 - b) Design appropriate educational strategies to engage clientele. These strategies might include delivering educational programming in a community-based setting, coordinating events and activities that provide experiential learning opportunities, using innovative technologies, providing individual educational consultations and facilitating groups seeking similar educational outcomes. Some overnight travel and evening and weekend work will be required.
 - c) Develop and implement strategies to expand the reach of educational programming to under-served audiences and to make certain K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider of educational programming.
 - d) Collect evidence of educational program impact.
 - e) Develop specialized knowledge and skills by engaging as a member of the Youth Development Program Focus Team.
3. Secure external funding such as grants, gifts and cost recovery to supplement local tax revenue to support and expand educational programming.
4. Serve as a member of the Sedgwick County team cooperating in the planning and delivery of county-wide programming and related events.



QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- Bachelor's degree
- Academic coursework and/or professional development and professional employment related to the position responsibilities
- Evidence of strong academic and/or professional performance as documented by college transcripts, acceptance into a graduate program or documented success in increasingly responsible professional positions
- Experience in marketing and promotion of educational programs
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups, and through mass media
- Experience managing/supervising volunteers to achieve educational goals
- Leadership skills as evidenced by working with individuals, groups, and coworkers
- Access to a personal vehicle and the ability to obtain/maintain a valid driver's license.

Preferred:

- Master's Degree.
- Experience working with adults and youth from various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds
- Experience in building community partnerships and working within a school-based or educational setting
- Background in curriculum design and/or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture or Math) programming
- Commitment to personal professional development
- Ability to utilize electronic communication and computer applications to fulfill programming responsibilities
- Self-motivation and ability to work with minimum of supervision, balancing multiple projects
- Ability to design, promote, implement and evaluate educational programs
- Skills in group facilitation
- Knowledge of adult and youth teaching/learning processes
- Experience in seeking and administering external grant funding

Other:

- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment

SALARY, BENEFITS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Salary commensurate with professional experience and available funding as negotiated by the regional extension director, the local extension board and the applicant. The base starting salary is \$41,500 for a BS degree with no professional experience and \$45,500 for a MS degree with no professional experience.
2. Extension agents are Kansas State University educators and have the Board of Regents retirement plan, health and life insurance and vacation and sick leave. Depending on the date of hire there is a minimum of 30-day waiting period for health insurance. For a complete list of benefits see: <http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits/overview/>
3. Reimbursement for travel related to achieving program objectives.
4. New agents are provided approximately 15 days of new agent professional development on the K-State campus or online during the first six to nine months. These 15 days are spread out in four different weeks. In addition, new agents spend at least three weeks with a mentor agent during the first year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit application using the Kansas State University job application site:

<https://careers.k-state.edu/cw/en-us/job/509757/sedgwick-county-4h-youth-development-extension-agent>

For more information about the position, contact Jennifer Wilson, Leader, Ext Operations, 785-532-5790, or jrwilson@ksu.edu.

To hear personal accounts from Extension Agents, preview videos at www.ksre.k-state.edu/jobs.

For more information about K-State Research and Extension, visit: www.ksre.k-state.edu.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees.



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