Position Announcement

DANE G. HANSEN & K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INTERN PROGRAM, Decatur County, KS

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation & K-State Research and Extension internship gives college students the opportunity to link classroom learning with a pre-professional work experience. The intern will work to develop a marketing plan for the Farmers’ Market and promote healthy eating in Decatur County.

TITLE: Decatur County Farmers’ Market and Healthy Food Promotion

LOCATION: Oberlin, Ks (Decatur County)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The intern will work with local, regional and state organizations which promote farmers’ markets and healthy eating to develop a marketing campaign and local food policies. The intern will also identify local growers and promote local foods to the schools, healthcare facilities, retail locations, and individuals. The promotion would include marketing, education, networking and relationship development.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 31, 2020 or until the position is filled

EMPLOYMENT: May 26, 2020 thru August 1, 2020 or as negotiated with K-State Research and Extension and the Decatur County Farmers’ Market.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop a marketing campaign for local foods and the farmers’ market.
- Identify local food producers and commodities grown.
- Create awareness to local residents and institutions the availability of local foods.
- Educate the public on benefits of consuming local foods.
- Network and form relationships between local food producers and schools, healthcare facilities, retail businesses.
- Assist with policy change to allow local foods into institutions.
- Create a social media campaign on local foods.
- Community service or volunteering with a community organization is highly encouraged. This would be outside of the designated scope of work and working hours.
- Complete other responsibilities as assigned by mentoring supervisors

This position may require travel connected with official duties, including attendance at evening meetings, access to a personal vehicle, and a valid driver’s license.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of at least six university semesters at any college or university.
- Students enrolled in agriculture with specialty crop production emphasis, horticulture, environmental sciences or food science are encouraged to apply.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups, and through mass media and social media.
- Self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Experience working with individuals, groups, and co-workers to accomplish individual and/or group goals, as evidenced by previous leadership roles.
- A passion for rural living and a healthy lifestyle so they can promote the story to others.
- Students from NW Kansas are preferred.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

$20.00 per hour. 40 hours per week. Maximum 400 hours
HOUSING
The Decatur County Farmers’ Market will secure and cover the cost of housing (pet free).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Submit cover letter, resume, transcripts and list of references as one document to: nsigle@ksu.edu.

For more information about the position contact Halley Roberson, President, Decatur County Farmers’ Market, 785-470-7128, hroberson@oberlinkansas.gov or Nadine Sigle, Community Vitality Extension Specialist, 785-346-6256, nsigle@ksu.edu.

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

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE
January 31, 2020
February 1 – February 28, 2020
March, 2020
March – May, 2020
May 26, 2020
Application deadline
Interviews conducted
Offers made to applicants
Visit to host communities
Internship start date

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