

# STUDENT TRAINEE OPPORTUNITIES

## USDA – NRCS - Texas

Opening Date: October 1, 2010

Closing Date: November 15, 2010

Salary: \$11.95 to \$13.41 per hour depending on qualifications

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is recruiting students to participate in our Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) starting in the summer of 2011. We plan to fill approximately 15 to 20 positions.

This program will allow students that are selected to receive on-the-job training while attending an accredited college or university. Participants are expected to work full-time during summer vacation periods each summer until graduation to prepare for a permanent position with our agency. At least two summer work periods are needed.

Students must work a minimum of 640 hours prior to graduation and must also meet the educational qualification requirements for the specialization for which they were hired as a student trainee, e.g., Agricultural Engineer, Rangeland Management Specialist, Soil Conservationist or Soil Scientist.

Upon successful completion of the program, trainees can be non-competitively converted to a professional position with the NRCS. Preferred fields of study are Agronomy, Engineering, Forestry, Plant Science, Range Management, Soil Science, and Wildlife Management.

Applications must include: (1) resume (include farm or ranch work experience even if wages were not received); (2) current college transcript; (3) a list of courses in which currently enrolled and those planned for the Spring Semester of 2011; (4) a list of 2 to 4 towns where you prefer to work during the summer of 2011; (5) your social security number; and (6) DD-214 if claiming veteran preference. Applicants must have a valid driver license. **Be sure to include phone numbers where you can be reached at school as well as your permanent address since we will begin scheduling interviews as applications are received. We plan to complete the interview process by December 17, 2010.** We plan to notify applicants of selection or non-selection by the end of March 2011.

**Students will be assigned to work at priority training locations throughout the State.**

Applications must be received at the following address by the closing date of this notice (November 15, 2010):



**Human Resources**  
**USDA – NRCS**  
101 South Main Street  
Temple, TX 76501-7602

Agency contact:  
Tiffinie Meyer (254) 742-9934 or Sue Elliott (254) 742-9930

