



National Weather Service Charleston, WV Student Volunteer Program – Summer 2016



Have the opportunity to experience what a career in the National Weather Service entails!¹

What will you do during your volunteer (unpaid) time?

- Gain familiarity with the forecast process for routine NWS public, river, and aviation forecasts
- Apply classroom learning in an operational forecast setting
- Experience real-time severe weather operations at a forecast office
- Participate in external outreach – activities could include visiting a cooperative observation site, accompanying forecasters on a storm survey, or staffing a NWS booth at local events
- Gain in depth experience through a chosen focus area – Science and Research or Decision Support Services and Outreach
- Present a project corresponding to your chosen focus area at an office sponsored workshop
- Earn academic credit through your university, if offered

What types of students are we looking for?

- College students who are meteorology majors
 - *Rising juniors and seniors as well as graduate students will be given preference, but rising sophomores also will be considered*
 - *Students who are interested in a NWS or related career*
- Students with flexible schedules
 - *Volunteers will be encouraged to work at least 2-3 shifts per week with the program designed to last 8-12 weeks*
 - *Weekday shifts are preferred, but weekend shifts may be accommodated*

What does the application process involve?

- Applicants will be required to submit a resumé, transcript (official or unofficial), application form and a brief cover letter that describes their motivation for applying
- Applications will be screened by NWS staff, with interviews for the top applicants

How do I submit an application?

- The application form can be obtained by email request or on our webpage at www.weather.gov/rlx/student
- Email or mail **all** application materials to dylan.cooper@noaa.gov or simone.lewis@noaa.gov, or ATTN: Dylan Cooper/Simone Lewis, National Weather Service, 400 Parkway Rd, Charleston, WV, 25309-9406
- **Applications are due February 3.** Interviews will take place the second week of February
- Applicants will be notified of their status by mid-February

Questions? Email Dylan Cooper (dylan.cooper@noaa.gov) or Simone Lewis (simone.lewis@noaa.gov)

¹ Participation in the program does not guarantee a future job with the National Weather Service. No compensation is provided. Volunteers are responsible for travel and lodging arrangements, where applicable. Applicants are subject to Department of Commerce and NOAA security and background investigations.