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**POSITION: Plant Protection & Quarantine Technician (GS-4 pay $14.77/hr.)**

**Hiring up to 42 Plant Protection Technicians for survey and treatment.**

**USDA PROGRAM: European Cherry Fruit Fly Eradication Program**

**LOCATION(s): Location in Western New York (Niagara County)**

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF POSITION:** Position requires fast walking, bending, squatting, reaching above your head and working outdoors in inclement weather, and sitting in vehicles for extended periods of time for up to 10 hours/day.

**WHEN TO APPLY:** Application Deadline is **March 30, 2018** (see second page for details)

**REGULAR SEASON BEGINNING IN MAY:** Employment is for full time, seasonal work starting approximately May 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2018.

**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** This is a full time “Limited Appointment” lasting up to 180 days.

**WHAT ARE THE DUTIES?:** Plant Protection Technician will work in the European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) Eradication Program in the effort to survey and/or treat public and private properties for trees susceptible to the ECFF. The incumbent performs the duties listed above which requires physical exertion to walk, bend, squat, reaching above your head, lift items of moderate weight, climb or hike on sometimes slippery and uneven surfaces while working in terrains inclusive of fields, pastures, processing plants, and other agricultural situations in order to enforce federal and state quarantines. In certain situations the incumbent must take precautionary measures to ensure his/her personal safety while working in residential areas, public and private woodlands and/or agricultural properties in order to enforce quarantines and pertinent regulations.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** This announcement is open to all U. S. citizens.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Must have a valid driver’s license

Males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with the selective service

**BASIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

* The education requirement for this position is successful completion of 2 years of college with minimum of 8 semester hours in courses such as biology, plant pathology, entomology, zoology, botany, forestry, chemistry, agriculture, or physics.
* Knowledge of plant identification and/or plant pests associated with forests, farming, gardening, and/or nurseries.
* Skill in gathering information and summarizing this information in written reports.
* Skill in verbal communication in order to exchange information, gain the cooperation of others.
* Ability to developing rough maps showing control or eradication treatment completed, areas surveyed, or pest finds located.

**WHAT MUST MY APPLICATION INCLUDE?**

1. **Job Application Cover Sheet** indicating your official transcript was ordered from the college/university (see page 2)
   * You are applying for position of **“Plant Protection & Quarantine Technician”**
2. **Your Resumé should include:**

* Name, Address, E-mail Address and Phone Number(s)
* Documentation of Education - Begin with high school and list all institution names, dates of degree completion, and GPA’s
* **Work History -** Describe all previous work applicable to this position. Must include dates (mm/dd/yyyy) and hours per week;
  + Work history is to quantify that experience as “Hours Worked Weekly” (“various” is not acceptable)
* If previously employed by the Federal Government, include the series and grade levels.

1. **OF 306 Form** – form can be found at the following Website: <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp>;
2. An ***OFFICIAL*** copy of your **college transcripts** containing courses with grades and credits is required. The transcript(s) must be requested from your college and mailed directly to the office address located in this job announcement.

Note: **Entire Application Package** (including official transcripts) is due post marked **by March 30, 2018**

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION or assistance with accessing forms?**

Contact Stephen Kubber at 585-388-2700 ([stephen.a.kubber@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:stephen.a.kubber@aphis.usda.gov))

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**Application Cover Sheet**

(Completion is required for your application to be considered)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail Address** (Please Write Legibly): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Alternate:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applying for:** Full Time Summer Employment - May 2018 through September 2018

(Deadline to apply for Summer Employment is March 30, 2018)

**Certification regarding Application Materials:**

Attached/enclosed are my completed Application Packet Documents: (***please do not send partial packets***)

1. **Job Application Cover Sheet**- (this sheet) 🞎

2. **OF-306** Form – completed, dated and signed original 🞎

3. **Resumé** – See page 1 for details 🞎

4. Verification: “I have ordered my **“OFFICIAL” college transcripts”**  🞎

(Official college transcript ordered on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the following college/university:

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**Information Request:**

Please indicate where you learned about this job (please be specific indicating name, location, date, etc.):

County Fair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Career Fair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ College Career Services \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** USDA, APHIS, PPQ **Contact for more information:**  Attn. Stephen Kubber Stephen.A.Kubber@aphis.usda.gov

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NOTE: Applicant email address and phone numbers must remain up-to-date as they will be used for all communication regarding potential employment