RYCC Position Description

The next year will be an exciting and educational opportunity for you to learn about conservation in Hawaii first hand. Interns will be placed with various site managers within the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources or within a partner agency such as Ko’olau Mountain Watershed Partnership. During the 42 week term of service you will assist site managers in various field and office duties. This internship position will require you to work in physically challenging areas and in rough weather conditions. Interns will get the opportunity to see and learn about some of Hawaii’s environmental gems. Interns will also help protect Hawaii’s ecosystems from many of the threats that challenge and destroy the environment. During this internship interns will also be challenged to develop teamwork, leadership, and other personal development skills. These are to assist you in your ventures through life. This program provides you with many great tools, and the program directors, coordinators, site managers will do their best to make this a worthwhile experience.

Benefits: Interns will receive from the program the following Benefits:

Compensation: Interns will be paid a Gross living allowance of $600 Bi-weekly throughout the 42 weeks. The living allowance is taxable, and taxes will be deducted directly from the living allowance.

Healthcare: Fulltime members are eligible to receive healthcare benefits should they not currently have a health plan.

Childcare: If applicable, a child care allowance will be provided by the National Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies (NACCARRA) directly to the provider, if the member qualifies for the allowance. (NACCARRA will distribute this allowance evenly over the term of service on a bi-weekly plan). Please contact your program director should you need child care assistance.

Educational Award: Upon successful completion of the member’s term of service, the member will receive an education award from the National Service Trust. For successful completion of a full-time term, the member will receive an educational award in the amount of $4,725.
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, AmeriCorps, and Kupu presents:

Recovery YCC
Year-Round Program 2009-2010

Application Form

All answers must be typed. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability in the space provided. Do not attach any information that is not requested. All applicants must turn in an application, resume, and two letters of recommendation (2) to:

KUPU
Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps
3569 Harding Ave, Unit C
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 735-1221

Or you can e-mail your resume and this application form to acprograms@hawaiiycc.com in the subject line please put RYCC Application and your name or you can fax it to (808) 735-1223

Instructions for E-mail Applicants: This application consists of 4 pages. E-mailed applications must not be longer than 4 pages, must use fonts no smaller than 10-point fonts. Please use New Times Roman or a similar font. Application form files should be saved as “RYCCap-Applicant Name.doc” and resume should be named “RES-Applicant Name.doc.” For example, “RYCCap-John Doe.doc”.

APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY AUGUST 31, 2009

General Program Information: The RYCC internship is a 42 Week commitment that places participants in an entry-level conservation position. All Positions are full time; members must complete 1700 hours of service within the 42 week period. Members will receive a Gross Bi-weekly Living Allowance of $600.00 as well as an additional educational award of $4,725.00 upon completion of the 1700 hours (educational awards can be used for school loans, tuition, and other educational expenses). Other benefits include deferred student loans and if eligible, general health care and child care. RYCC positions will be available on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Hawaii Island and possibly, Molokai and Lanai. The program provides participants with some service gear, paid training on Oahu, and an experience that is life changing.

Internships will start September 23, 2009

Applicants Criteria: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen and have a high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience is necessary.
RYCC Year Round Application

Name: ________________________________________________ Birth Date: ___/___/_____

Current Mailing Address: _________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______________

Home Phone: _____________ Cell: ______________   Email: _____________________

Street Address (if different): _______________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______________

College currently enrolled at or graduated from: ____________________________

If in college, current college standing: __FR __ SO __JR __SR __Graduated
__not enrolled/year off       Major: ____________________________

Have you ever received an AmeriCorps educational award? _____

If so from where, and how many awards? ____________________________

*If you have already received two educational awards through AmeriCorps or Peace Corps, you will not be able to receive another award but you will still be able to participate in the year round program and just receive the living allowance which will be your stipend.*

Internships are available on the following islands. Please check off which Island you are applying for. If applying for more than one island, please rank your choices, first choice being 1. (Note: Interns must provide for their own transportation and housing) Also below please select the type of internship you would be most interested in applying for (if more than one please rank, 1 being your first choice):

Kauai_____ Oahu_____ Maui_____ Big Island_____ Molokai_____ Lanai_____

Also please check the type of internship that you are most interested in applying for (if more than one please rank 1 being your first choice):

__ Watershed Management
__ Wildlife Management
__ Aquatic Resource Management
__ Invasive Species Management
__ Forest and seabird work
__ Water bird work
__ Community outreach
__ Multi media
__ Scientific research
__ Trail restoration and building
__ Administrative work
__ Fence building and repair
Is there a specific Intern site you are applying for?  
______________________________

Are you able to camp Monday thru Friday? _____

Will you be able to work 40 hours a week? ______

How soon can you start (date)? _______________________

Do you have housing and transportation on the island(s) that you are applying for?  
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Please answer the following questions. If needed, you may attach additional pages.

1. Why are you applying for an internship in environmental conservation? What do you hope to gain as an intern?

2. What are some of your long-term and short-term goals?

3. What do you consider to be your greatest strengths? What things would you like to most improve about yourself?

4. What do you think is the biggest threat to Hawaii’s environment? How would you solve this problem?
5. What relevant experiences make you a strong candidate for this internship?

6. What types of ecosystems would you most like to work in? What environmental conservation issues would you most like to be involved with during your internship? Why would you be a good fit for this internship?

7. This program requires that you actively participate in rugged terrain, on/in the water, and/or in bad weather, with minimal or no facilities (bathrooms, etc.). How would you fair in such conditions? Would there be any problems with your complete participation in the program? If yes, please explain fully.

8. How (or from whom) did you learn about this opportunity?

Applicant’s signature
Or typed name: ___________________________ Date: ______________
*Note: Interns must be able to perform efficiently the physical and mental duties of their position. Qualified applicants with disabilities who can perform the essential functions of the internship position are encouraged to apply. The State of Hawaii and Kupu are committed to making reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis.

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Kupu have my permission to inquire with my personal references.