AmeriCorps paid internship

DEADLINE:
Applications for the 2011-2012 HYCC Year-Round AmeriCorps program will be accepted until August 15, 2011.

AVAILABILITY:
Full-time positions will be filled by individuals who have demonstrated an interest in protecting the natural environment of Hawai‘i. Positions are available on the islands of O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i Island, Moloka‘i, Lana‘i, and Maui. The 2011-2012 HYCC Year-Round program is scheduled to begin in October and run for approximately 10-12 months.

POSITION INFORMATION:
No prior experience is necessary at most sites. Kupu staff will match applicants and sites based on the information in their applications. A majority of the internships are spent outdoors and will be physically demanding. A positive attitude, an interest in learning, motivation, curiosity about nature, physical ability and desire to work on outdoor projects with little or no supervision will also be important. Participants are matched with a conservation agencies based upon their interest. During the internship, participants will learn about the mission and programs of the agency where they are placed. Members will generally participate in program activities Monday through Friday (as well as possible weekends and holidays). This is not a residential program and participants must provide their own housing and transportation to and from the internship site. 2011-2012 HYCC Year-Round members must complete 1,700 hours over a 10-12 month period to successfully fulfill internship requirements.

Full-time participants will receive:

Up to a $1,300 monthly living allowance (subject to taxes)
An additional $5,350 educational award that can be used to pay off educational loans or can be applied to future educational endeavors.
All interest earned on certain educational loans during the year of service will be paid for by AmeriCorps.
Health care and childcare benefits will be available (if eligible).

BENEFITS:
Participants will gain valuable education throughout the program and will meet potential role models who work in the fields of resource management and conservation biology. In addition, they will gain career experience, improve
interpersonal skills, gain knowledge in conservation, and develop professional skills necessary for advancement in conservation and other fields. Interns help to preserve some of the most precious natural resources in Hawai'i. If you are interested, apply online!

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

Must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 years of age with high school diploma.)
Must possess/ be working towards high school diploma or equivalent.
Must be U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident alien.
Must be available full time for at least 11 months.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

#1: Complete the application form, include resume
Answer all questions to the best of your ability in the spaces provided.

#2: Submit resume
Please be prepared to upload a resume as part of the online application. Please do not attach any information that is not requested.

#3: Obtain letters of recommendation
Each applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. All letters of recommendation should be written by professional sources such as coaches, supervisors, teachers, groups you volunteered with, church leaders, or anyone who has known you for at least three months. Letters of recommendation should not be written by immediate family members or close friends.

Letters of recommendation can be collected and uploaded along with your application. If you are unable to obtain letters before applying, they may be submitted by email or mailed to:

Kupu
HYCC Year-Round Program
4211 Waialae Avenue, Suite 1020
Honolulu, HI 96816

All letters must be received by the application deadline of August 15, 2011.

Letters of recommendations should:
• Include the referral's relationship to you
• Discuss your positive attributes
• Refer to your aptitude, curiosity, and industriousness
• Discuss how you have demonstrated maturity or leadership skills
• Reference contact information
• Be no more than two pages in length

APPLY NOW!

Please read the application instructions before completing the application form.

QUESTIONS?
Call (808) 735-1221 should you have additional questions.