

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT--2009

Interpretive Programs and Visitor Services

USDA Forest Service

Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford, PA, ancestral home of conservationist and Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot, has from 1 to 5 student intern positions to serve 10-12-week internships from May-October 2009. Students will live on the estate of this 1886-mansion and be immersed in the history of forestry in America. They will have an opportunity to learn and improve skills in such areas as interpretation, public speaking, communication, research and related programs. Students of forestry, environmental, interpretive/recreation or museum studies programs are sought.

Specific Tasks: Interns will assist USDA Forest Service staff with interpretive and education programs and visitor services. Students will develop and deliver interpretive tours, assist with education and other public programs, provide visitor services and complete one research/interpretive project.

Learning Potential: After this internship is completed, students will be:

- Able to fully develop and deliver a thematic interpretive tour, including determining key messages and weaving them into program delivery;
- Able to work with a variety of different audiences;
- Knowledgeable about the history of forestry in America and the role played by Gifford Pinchot, his family and Grey Towers;
- Knowledgeable about Forest Service culture and history;

In addition, students will:

- Hone their customer service skills;
- Expand AV and computer skills;
- Improve written and verbal communication skills;
- Enhance research skills;
- Learn professional work standards, ethics and expectations.

Product: Interns will be required to complete one project chosen from a list provided by GT or approved in advance by the AD for Programs that will result in a tangible product, such as an interpretive brochure or wayside exhibit, powerpoint program, specialized tour, etc.

Stipends: A small subsistence allowance may be available. Grey Towers provides housing and uniforms. Students must provide own transportation.

To Apply: Please send a letter of interest to Lori McKean, Assistant Director for Programs and Communication, Grey Towers National Historic Site, PO Box 188, Milford, PA, 18337, or by email to greytowers@fs.fed.us. Letters should include a brief description of how this internship fits with your skills, background and career goals, what you can contribute to and hope to achieve from the experience and how the Forest Service can help you further develop or learn new skills. Pls. attach (or send separately if submitting electronically) a copy of your transcript, resume and 2 letters of recommendation. Internships can span any period, May through October. Deadline is March 1 for summer months and June 1 for fall. Personal interviews are helpful but not required.

For more information visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/gt or call (570)296-9630.

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