



Summer Steward Internship

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to spend your summer? Want to learn about the environment while getting paid to work outside? Looking for an internship that looks good on a college application? Then the New Canaan Land Trust's Summer Steward Internship is for you!

The New Canaan Land Trust, a local non-profit focused on land conservation and stewardship, is looking for 10 high-school students to round out its internship program. The program, entering its 6th year, engages its interns in environmental and conservation work, while educating them about the ecology, sustainable resource management, and other environmental issues.

Interns will spend 4 days per week completing stewardship projects ranging from trail maintenance, to invasive species removal, to stone wall building. The 5th day will be spent taking field trips to conservation and research stations in the region, and meeting with local professionals in the environmental field. Throughout the program, interns will develop their own philosophies about how humans should interact with their environment, and how/why we should conserve and manage land.

You will be a good fit for this internship if you have a strong work ethic and are interested in learning about your natural surroundings. Much of this internship is centered around the completion of labor-intensive stewardship projects that require participants to work outdoors in sometimes inclement weather conditions, using a variety of land stewardship tools (training provided).

Program dates: There are two, four-week sessions. Participants must be able to commit to all four weeks, and may use the week between the two sessions (July 22-26) to meet this requirement.

- Session 1: June 24th through July 19th (note: no work on July 4th or 5th).
- Session 2: July 29th through August 23rd.

Program hours: Interns will typically work from 8:30am until 2:30pm, Monday through Friday. Occasionally, events such as full-day field trips or inclement weather may extend or shorten work days.

Compensation: In addition to this being an educational internship, designed to teach interns about local ecology and sustainable land management, interns will receive a weekly stipend. The base stipend is \$125 per week, with the opportunity to earn an additional \$75 per week, based on self-evaluation and the evaluation of the program coordinator.

How to Apply: Send an email to info@newcanaanlandtrust.org explaining why you are interested in this opportunity, what you will be able to contribute to the success of the program, and details about any relevant work/volunteer experience (1 page max). Please also indicate which session you would prefer to participate in. Applicants should consider participating in New Canaan Land Trust volunteer days to demonstrate their interest in and appreciation for land stewardship projects.