

CLOSING DATE: February 27, 2016

**JOB OPPORTUNITY NOTICE
YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE INTERNSHIP**

SALARY: \$500
Internship

JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is Fair-time internship opportunity with the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

Duties will include working closely with the Fair's Youth in Agriculture committee to facilitate the annual Sale of Champions. Duties may include meeting with each Grand & Reserve Grand Champion winner to interview and get essential information, writing press releases, contacting local media and scheduling interviews of exhibitors, assisting exhibitors with calls to hometown supporters, keeping an accurate accounting of all hometown support pledged and/or paid, assisting with Youth Dance, assisting with coordinating program for the Sale of Champions, developing Sale of Champions program, assisting in writing script for Auctioneer and Master of Ceremonies, working with Youth in Agriculture Committee, and other duties as assigned. Intern will be required to attend an early summer Youth in Agriculture Committee meeting

Beyond working on planning the Missouri's Largest Agriculture Expo and developing an exceptional portfolio, our compensation package includes \$500 pay, stipend for meals during internship, lodging in MSF Youth Dormitory if needed and candidate may qualify to receive a full scholarship for the AFA Convention.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Open to college students pursuing a major in **communications, public relations, agriculture, advertising** or **journalism** and who are looking for real-life experience. The ideal candidate is one who is passionate about creative communications, is detail-oriented, thrives under pressure and finds the opportunity in every challenge. Candidates should have a positive attitude, a motivation to learn and be able to work well independently.

Candidates should possess Microsoft Office Suite skills including Power Point, Publisher, Word and Excel.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

If interested in applying, contact Kari Mergen, Missouri State Fair Marketing Director, by phone or by email, to request an application. Completed application, cover letter, resume and list of references are due to the Missouri State Fair by February 27, 2016. Qualified applicants will be asked to participate in an interview on the fairgrounds and complete a writing and design exercise, as well as submit a portfolio of work.

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