

Summer Volunteer Opportunities at the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota

The National Weather Service in the Twin Cities is a multi-faceted facility. We operate a local weather office serving central and southern Minnesota and west central Wisconsin that provides public and aviation weather forecasts and issues severe weather warnings for 51 counties. We also have a regional river forecasting office that provides flood and water supply forecasting services to parts of 9 states across the Upper Midwest.

The combined offices have a professional staff of 14 meteorologists, 17 hydrologists, 6 information technologists and 6 support staff. Career experiences are available for students in fields of study including: meteorology/atmospheric science, hydrology/civil engineering, natural resources, geographic information systems, and information technology.

A National Weather Service office is an exciting, high energy environment during the summer as Upper Midwest weather is quite volatile. The student experience includes working on a research and development project with a mentor, day-to-day operations in weather and hydrologic forecast production, and severe weather operations. The National Weather Service is looking for highly motivated self-starters who desire a career experience to enhance their academic course of study.



Opportunities Available for Students Majoring in the Following Areas:

- Meteorology & Atmospheric Science**
- Hydrology & Civil Engineering**
- Natural Resources**
- GIS & Information Technology**

Students must have completed their sophomore year of college coursework by June of this year. Applicants must be available to work at least 8 hours a week during the summer.

This is a separate opportunity from the regional SCEP/STEP program. Students are encouraged to apply for both programs. If chosen for both, the SCEP/STEP program would automatically take precedence.

Students interested in applying for the student volunteer program must provide a college transcript, a letter of recommendation from a professor in their field of study, a resume, and a cover letter describing why they would like to volunteer at the National Weather Service. **Applications are due by April 10, 2009.**

Questions about the volunteer program, and all application materials should be directed to:

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