

Position Title: **Conservation Technician – Summer Position**

Number of Positions: 1

Salary: \$12 hour

Location: Day County Conservation District, Webster, South Dakota

Dates of employment: May 7 – August 17 2012 (15 weeks)
Dates are flexible.

Qualifications:

Applicant must be pursuing a degree in one of the following fields; environmental science, soil science, range management, agronomy, ecology, wildlife management limnology or agriculture and have love for outdoors. Much of the employee's duties are located outside on farm/ranch sites, and on or along lake and streams. The job involves walking over rough terrain, lifting, hauling, and stretching. Work may involve exposure to livestock and machinery. Employee must possess a valid driver's license and driving record sufficient to on district insurance. All District employees are required to complete a safety and security training course.

Duties:

The position will include Day County Conservation District's Seasonal Crews and the District's Watershed Improvement and Protection Project. The Conservation Technician will be employed by the Day County Conservation District, and will be under the direct supervision of the District Manager and the Watershed Project Coordinator who will be responsible for establishing general work priorities and instructions to the employee on work assignments.

Duties of the Conservation Technician may include:

Assist in collecting water quality data from project lakes and streams, study resource conditions including range, riparian areas, and cropland, collect and map watershed land use and economic data to evaluate the impact of applied conservation measures and/or the necessity of further conservation measures.

Assist Watershed Resource Technician in working with agricultural producers to design, install and maintain conservation practices and programs through the development of conservation plans, maps, and contracts.

Assist with the implementation of project specific information and education programs to local individuals, lake associations, news media outlets, and schools; and assist with partner information and education programs to foster an awareness of the projects goals and promote conservation in general

Assist with seasonal work of the conservation district which may include working with the tree crews, fabric crews, drill rental, mowing, and any other district operations as assigned.

How to apply: Send cover letter and resume including three personal references with phone or e-mail address.

Closing date: February 20, 2012
Contact person: Cindy Zenk or Dennis Skadsen

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