



Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Position Posted: Conservation Technician: Forester

Expected Start Date: January 2019

Description:

The Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District (CLMCD) is seeking enthusiastic applicants to serve as an educational/outreach Forester in the area of private lands forestry for the Michigan Forestry Assistance Program (FAP). The purpose of the Forestry Assistance Program is to provide private landowners with technical assistance regarding forestry, wildlife habitat, and related natural resource concerns, so that they may make informed decisions about the use and management of their forestlands. The candidate will be based in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and will include assignments in all of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties. Duties will be performed under the direction of the CLMCD Executive Director with yearly goals guided by an advisory board made up of directors and staff from the Conservation District, local, state, and federal partners. Office to field split is approximately 60/40 depending on the time of year.

Required Qualifications:

- Forestry degree from SAF accredited University
- Enjoy working with the public
- Superior customer service skills
- Forest Management Plan writing experience
- Excellent organization/self-starting skills
- Experience with technical writing for general public
- Valid state issued license and reliable personal transportation
- Knowledge base of tree pests and disease
- Willingness to expand services and programs
- Positive outgoing attitude

Preferred Qualifications:

- SAF Candidate/Certified Forester Status
- Experience with the Michigan Qualified Forest Program (QFP)
- Proficient in using GIS (ArcMap)
- Grant writing experience
- USDA Farm Bill Programs knowledge
- Previous experience with Conservation District's
- Prior outreach and program planning experience

****This position is considered an educational/outreach forester. Field work will consist of landowner consultation based on work created from the chosen candidates outreach and program promotion. Applicants wishing to conduct work such as appraisal, grading, scaling, marking, plan writing, harvesting, inventory, procurement, etc. should not apply.**

Compensation:

This position is funded by an annually renewed grant provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to CLMCD. The technician starting wage will be between \$38,000 and \$40,500/year depending on education/experience. The technician will be required to work 40 hours/week and compensated on a bi-weekly basis. Regular hours of duty are between 8:00am 4:30pm, but includes regular night and weekend hours. Candidate will be required to use personal vehicle at times. Benefits include paid time off (PTO), holidays, and the option to contribute wages to a traditional IRA.

- Chosen applicant must achieve SAF Candidate Certified Forester (CCF) status within the 1st year of employment and complete the SAF test **at chosen applicants cost**. Annual recertification fees will be paid by CLMCD.
- SAF Certified Forester (CF) designation must be achieved after 5 years of employment. Application fee and recertification fee will be paid by CLMCD.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send a professional resume, cover letter, and a list of three (3) references to clmcd@macd.org with the subject: Forester Position or mail to CLMCD C/O Mike McCarthy, 2847 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 for consideration. **Applications preferred by 4:00 pm EST on Friday November 23rd 2018. Post will remain open until filled.**