### FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



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# Florida Farm Bureau Internship Program

The Florida Farm Bureau Internship Program is available to students enrolled in post-secondary education majoring in agriculture and related disciplines. We plan to offer a variety of internships related to our participating departments.

#### Public Relations Executive Office Ag Policy/National Affairs Field Services AEST

Students seeking practical experience in a dynamic professional office environment should apply to the program. Internships are 8 to 12 weeks with varying time frames. Please check each track carefully and make sure you can commit the time during the stated period of the internship. One applicant, for each internship offered, will be selected through an application and interview process with Farm Bureau's division managers and Intern Program Coordinator.

**Qualifications:** All applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to students majoring in agriculture and related disciplines. Applicants must hold a basic knowledge of business operations, possess good communication skills and have an interest in citizens' lobbying initiatives.

**Compensation:** Individuals selected to participate in the program will be employed through a Temp Service and will receive payment of \$14 per hour worked. Work schedules may be flexible, but a total of 8 to 12 weeks should be completed during each internship. A maximum of 240 hours are available throughout each internship.

**Evaluation:** Managers will provide a written assessment of each intern's work performance during their assignment at Florida Farm Bureau. The Director or staff of each department will supervise interns while they are working at Florida Farm Bureau.

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Applications for Florida Farm Bureau Internship program must include the following items:

- 1. A resume and cover letter. Cover letter must indicate preferred track.
- 2. A current college or university transcript. (Unofficial Transcript Accepted)
- 3. Two letters of recommendation.
- 4. Two writing samples for applicants interested in PR tracks.

**Questions:** Please contact the Intern Program Coordinator for any questions regarding the application process or specific division requirements.

#### **AEST Track 1: Event Planning**

**Description and Timeframe: Summer** 

Location: Lakeland, FL - Travel to Orlando June 15-19, 2026

The Agriculture Education Services and Technology, Inc. (AEST) Office is a subsidiary company of Florida Farm Bureau Federation and consists of our AEST Management team, which is responsible for day-to-day operations, budget management, certification record maintenance, online certification platform management, certification curriculum development, policy and process development for the certification process.

We are seeking a qualified intern to assist AEST with various aspects of the planning, organization, and execution of our exhibit at the annual Florida FFA Convention. The intern will be provided the opportunity to attend the convention. The Florida FFA Convention is June 15-19, 2026, at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, FL.

### Responsibilities

- Develop materials to promote participation.
- Promote the exhibit to various audiences.
- Organize speakers and presenters for the exhibit.
- Create and prepare materials.
- Prepare and organize exhibit participation time slots and activities.

### Requirements

The AEST office is looking for an undergraduate student with a background in agriculture and communications to fill this position. This intern must possess strong communication skills, demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills, and always present themselves professionally. Working knowledge of design software and social media are a plus. A self-starter that is organized and detail oriented with excellent time-management skills, respectful of deadlines, and passionate about providing quality learning experiences is a must.

#### **Benefits**

This internship will provide an opportunity to be involved with our state's largest agricultural organization by promoting initiatives to create a solid, skilled workforce for the agricultural industry through the AEST certification process. Individuals selected to participate in the program will be employed through a Temp Service and will receive payment of \$14 per hour worked. Work schedules may be flexible, but a total of 8 to 12 weeks should be completed during each internship with a maximum of up to 40 hours available each week.

### Leadership Program Track 1: Event Planning and Management

Description and Timeframe: May 6 thru July 17

Location: Gainesville, FL - Travel to Orlando, FL, July 9-12, 2026

Students should have completed at least their sophomore year of undergraduate coursework, with a major in agriculture, policy, leadership, event planning or a related field. The intern will assist staff in the planning and implementation of the FUSION Conference. The intern will also work with staff and members (Women's Leadership Committee and YF&R Leadership Class 11) to implement and execute this event. This internship is well suited for individuals who are interested in program development/event planning in the agriculture industry. The skill level of the internship is ideal for undergraduate students.

### Responsibilities

- Assist with event development including schedules and creatives.
- Manage organizing, packing and setup of materials for conference
- Assist with pre-conference materials and execution for scholarships and activity awards
- Assist with conference coordination
- Assist event coordinator with registration
- Assist in organizing and implementing farm tours, as well as competitive and social events
- Assist Women's Leadership Committee and YF&R Leadership Class 11 to facilitate the conference

### Requirements

The Field Services Division is looking for a qualified undergraduate student with a background in agriculture, leadership, communications or event planning to fill this position. The intern must be organized and proficient in written and verbal communication. Familiarity with Word, Excel, PowerPoint and InDesign is a plus. The candidate should be a detail-oriented, self-starter with excellent time management skills and ability to work without direct supervision.

#### **Benefits**

This internship will provide an opportunity to be involved with the state's largest agricultural organization and the largest leadership conference for the YF&R age range. Individuals selected to participate in the program will be employed through a Temp Service and will receive payment of \$14 per hour worked. Work schedules may be flexible, but a total of 8 to 12 weeks should be completed during each internship with a maximum of up to 40 hours available each week.

### PR Track 1: Public Relations:

Description and Timeframe: March 9 - May 22, 2026

Location: Gainesville, FL

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation Public Relations Department manages the storytelling across print, digital and social media platforms to share the story of Florida agriculture. The team produces news and feature articles, serves as event photographers and creates original digital content for the organization's social media channels. The department also oversees the **County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship** or **(CARES)**, a statewide recognition program that publicly recognizes farm families statewide for their environmental stewardship.

The Public Relations Department is seeking a motivated and organized intern to assist with writing press releases, conducting research on industry trends, updating presentations or other internal communication materials, tracking and analyzing campaigns and planning events including the **25th anniversary of the Suwannee CARES celebration**, held May 7, 2026, in Live Oak.

### Responsibilities

- Attend monthly planning meetings as needed with the Suwannee CARES planning committee in Live Oak, FL
- Attend the May 7, 2026, Suwannee CARES event
- Assist with the coordination of PR-related events (i.e. Suwannee CARES)
- Create farmer profiles for digital platforms
- Create press releases/web stories on assigned topic
- Assist with social media planning/campaigns
- Assist with updating content for website
- Assist with media relations activities
- Develop emails or presentations on assigned topic

## Requirements

The Public Relations Department is looking for an undergraduate student with a background in communication to fill this position. Experience in agriculture is preferred. This intern must be organized and demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills, with adequate knowledge of web and social media. The candidate should be a detail-oriented, self-starter with excellent time management skills.

### Benefit

This internship will provide an opportunity to be involved with our state's largest agricultural organization, while gaining valuable experience communicating the benefits of the state's 2nd largest economic contributor to our members and the general public. Individuals selected to participate in the program will be employed through a Temp Service and will receive payment of \$14 per hour worked. Work schedules may be flexible, but a total of 8 to 12 weeks should be completed during each internship with a maximum of up to 40 hours available each week.

