

**Natural Land Institute**  
**2011 Conservation Stewardship College Internship**  
**Position Description**

**Objective:** To assist with natural resource management on lands owned by the Natural Land Institute (a 52-year old land conservation organization located in Rockford, Illinois serving northwestern Illinois)

**Hours:** 15-20 hours per week, 3 days per week. Schedule negotiable.

**Compensation:** Internship position is not compensated, but any required or necessary paperwork will be completed to provide college credits.

**Supervisor:** Stewardship Director,

**Required Skills:**

- Knowledge of Illinois flora and fauna, especially in northwestern Illinois
- Ability to physically implement natural resource management tasks
- Ability to use equipment needed in restoration activities, including a tractor.
- Knowledge of word processing and database programs
- Ability to develop and maintain relationships with volunteers

**Responsibilities:**

- Assist with restoration, including seed collecting, native plantings, and invasive species control primarily at the Nygren Wetland Preserve near Rockton, Illinois.
- Work with volunteers on natural resource management projects at NLI properties.
- Conduct inventories and develop data base of flora and fauna at the Nygren Wetland Preserve.
- Maintain monthly activity records detailing accomplishments.
- Prepare for public events hosted by the Natural Land Institute at the Nygren Wetland Preserve.
- Help with Conservation Camp, a 25-student day camp, for one week in June.

**Program Eligibility & Submission:**

- Students interested in the field of conservation biology and resource management
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- Car or other means of transportation to the internship site
- Must enjoy working with volunteers
- Completed application
- Two letters of recommendation
- One-page essay about what student hopes to gain from internship
- Submission of requirements for internship completion/credit from college/university
- Interview with Executive Director and Stewardship Director.

Application available online at [www.naturalland.org](http://www.naturalland.org). For more information contact Jerry Paulson, Executive Director at 815-964-6666 or email: [paulsonjerry@aol.com](mailto:paulsonjerry@aol.com)

## Conservation Stewardship Internship Application

Please complete and return to:

Jerry Paulson, Natural Land Institute, 320 South Third Street, Rockford, IL 61104

[paulsonjerry@aol.com](mailto:paulsonjerry@aol.com)

Name:

College/University:

Year in school:

Major field of study:

GPA:

School address:

Home address:

Phone:

Cell phone:

Email:

Birthdate:

Available Dates (Beginning/end) :

Have you previously interned anywhere, and if so where?

What extra-curricular activities/clubs are you involved with?

Are you available on weekends?

References: (please list 2 people & their phone numbers who are not relatives)

- 1)
- 2)

Please return this completed form, two letters of recommendation from a previous employer or professor, your requirements for internship credit and a one page essay on what you hope to gain from an internship with us. Internships are available spring and summer.