

Cabela's Apprentice Application Information

Due: February 15, 2019

Cabela's Apprenticeships provide tangible, experiential opportunities for undergraduate students to address issues centered around recruiting and maintaining participants in outdoor activities, creating and managing fish and wildlife and their habitat, protecting threatened and endangered species, and supporting conservation of ecosystems. Financial support is provided for students to work with professionals in a wide array of natural resource areas. As such, applications are now being sought for individuals interested in team-based Apprenticeships or individually developed experiences. Apprentices associated with themes will work jointly with relevant stakeholders and other Apprentices toward ensuring outdoor activities have a place in society.

Theme-based Apprenticeships

Recruiting Outdoor Enthusiasts – There are several current initiatives with which Apprentices could be involved to become leaders of these programs (e.g., Hunter Education, Master Naturalist, Collegiate Hunter Program, 4-H Shooting Sports, etc.). Students accepted into this team will be actively engaged in activities like:

- Developing social media materials
- Public outreach and education
- K-12 outdoor education
- Recruiting and retaining outdoor enthusiasts
- Designing and implementing user-friendly outdoor spaces
- Teaching/learning outdoor skills

Land and Water Stewardship Team – This team of Apprentices will be actively engaged in managing lands and landscapes to support fish and wildlife habitat in collaboration with landowners in the Nine-Mile Prairie Conservation Complex. Each Apprentice will be actively engaged in their chosen area of interest as well as assist other Apprentices with their responsibilities to holistically manage land and water within the conservation complex. Potential areas of application could include:

- Habitat management
- Water management
- Soil management
- Plant management (native and non-native)
- Landscape design
- Fish and Wildlife management
- Comprehensive management plan and policy development
- Development of social media materials for promotion of program

Individual Apprenticeships

Proposals will also be accepted that provide hands-on experience in support of the skills needed to develop hunter/angler recruitment, retention and reactivation programming, collect data that help manage fish, wildlife, lands, and people to ensure useable outdoor spaces and a robust hunter/angler base in the future. These projects might be independent research by a student or a portion of a larger graduate student or faculty project.

Who may apply?

Students, Faculty, Staff, and Stakeholders may submit applications, but funds will go only to eligible students. Apprenticeships that occur outside of Nebraska will be considered.

Eligibility

Funding is available to approved Apprentices that meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled (or will be enrolled at time of Apprenticeship) as a full-time, degree-seeking student in an undergraduate degree program at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with interests in:
 - Fisheries and Wildlife Management
 - Habitat Management
 - Land Stewardship
 - Landscape Management
 - Outdoor Education and Recruitment
- Demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA
- Will have completed at least 30 credit hours by start of Apprenticeship
- Will commit to at least 10 hours of work per week (Academic Year applicants) or at least 20 hours of work per week (Summer only applicants).

To Apply:

There is not a specific format for applying. However, applicants should include the following for:

Theme-based Apprenticeships – A brief description of how the Apprenticeship helps you achieve your career goals, general timeline of when you want to be actively engaged in the Apprenticeship (e.g., summer, fall, etc.), and any funding needs. If you already have a contact person working on these activities with whom you would like to work, please include their name, organization, etc. The selection committee can also help you identify mentors as needed.

Individual Apprenticeships – A brief description of the proposed Apprenticeship activities. This summary should include details of with whom and where the Apprentice will work (e.g., faculty, agency, etc.), general activities (including goal of Apprenticeship), general timeline, and funding needs (e.g., budget if other than student stipend).

Funding for Apprentices averages \$3,000 per Apprentice, but other levels of funding will be considered if justified in the application.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due by 5:00 pm (CDT), February 15, 2019 and can be submitted via email to Mark Pegg (mpegg2@unl.edu).