

## How will you benefit from the apprenticeship?

Provides experience and information to help make informed career choices.

Fulfills community service requirements for scholarships, colleges, and technical schools.

Provides work experience for job application and resumes.

Provides a reference to natural resources in making lifetime decisions.



## The Apprentice Mission Statement

To increase student awareness of natural resources stewardship through interactive learning experiences and public community service.

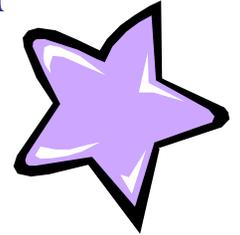


## How do you apply?

Talk to your school counselor or local USDA-NRCS office.

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# Kansas Apprentice Program



an opportunity  
for high school  
and college  
students



Salina, KS  
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## What is an Apprentice?

One who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers — a trade, art, or calling.



**Synonym:** see student, learner, beginner, assistant, helper.



## What is the Kansas Apprentice Program (KAP)?

The KAP began in the summer of 1998. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) initiated the program to acquaint students with the importance of conserving our natural resources.

- An innovative year-round volunteer program that seeks students interested in work experience in natural resources. Students with either a non-agricultural or agricultural background will be considered.

- Allows the apprentice to participate in a variety of hands-on learning experiences. These could include: engineering surveying, staking terraces and ponds, water quality activities, environmental education, and natural resource camps.



*"I hope that other people are able to learn about and be a part of this wonderful program."*

Nikki Krien  
Kansas apprentice



## The Requirements....

✓ **Apply:**

Fill out an application and return to your local USDA NRCS office. Applications may be submitted anytime for consideration. Apprenticeships are variable in length of service, often 3 to 12 months. An apprentice may serve more than 1 year.

✓ **Flexible Hours:**

As schedule allows.

✓ **Age:**

Be at least 14 years of age.



Information regarding KAP is available on the Kansas NRCS Web site at [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov)--go to Quick Access and click on Earth Team Volunteers or type in [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/KS/about](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/KS/about).

