

# VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

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## Earth Team Program Helps Fulfill Internship Requirement

My name is Jill Ewers. I am a student at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, with a double major as an administrative professional and accountant. I volunteered in the Richland Center Area office this fall to finish the internship requirement for my degree. I became aware of the Earth Team Volunteer program when I was searching for an office that could help me satisfy this requirement. I fortunately found the perfect fit with NRCS.

Volunteering the Area Office was wonderful experience thanks to the employees of the NRCS. I gained valuable job experience in my position. I assisted with clerical work, filing, reviewing receipts and tracking payments. I entered soil survey information into an Access database for the MLRA (Major Land Resource Area). I was able to fulfill all of the 14 program requirements of my internship. I will recommend the Earth Team Volunteer Program to other Administrative Professional students.

My goal is to use the experience that I obtained at the NRCS office and my education from Southwest Wisconsin Technical College to locate and acquire an accounting, secretarial or administrative professional position with the opportunity for advancement. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at the NRCS and I would love to become a permanent employee of the USDA.



*Patti Jackson Kelly, (L) Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations and Jill Ewers, Earth Team Volunteer.*



The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a USDA agency. For more about NRCS and the Earth Team, visit [www.usda.nrcs.gov](http://www.usda.nrcs.gov).

If you are interested in volunteering, call (888) 526-3227 or visit your local NRCS office to learn about volunteer opportunities.