



# NWS Student Volunteer Program

The main goals of this program are to provide familiarization of the National Weather Service forecast process, operational experience, and data collection at a forecast office. Students will also gain experience doing an individual project or applied research related to weather and climate. The project should directly relate to the interests of the student and match the skill set of the student.

## Student Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university; preferably as a meteorologist or environmental science major.
- Preference is given to juniors or seniors, but historically we have had some promising and inspired underclassmen participate in the program.
- Should be interested in a NWS or other operational meteorological career.
- Flexible hours; willing to volunteer two 4 hour shifts per week with a mentor.

## WFO State College Application Process:

- Prospective students should
  - Fill out the basic **WFO application**
  - Provide a **resume**, **college transcript** (official or unofficial), and a **brief cover letter** describing motivation and interests
  - Email completed application materials to [richard.grumm@noaa.gov](mailto:richard.grumm@noaa.gov), [barbara.watson@noaa.gov](mailto:barbara.watson@noaa.gov), and [elyse.hagner@noaa.gov](mailto:elyse.hagner@noaa.gov)
- An interview process will follow.
- We are limited to 2-3 students per academic semester and summer
- Penn State students normally enroll for 3 credits of independent studies. This normally requires a paper at the end of the study period. Other colleges and universities may have similar programs.

**Applications for the Fall 2015 semester are due by April 18, 2015**