

2026 STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide students with a basic understanding of the mission, duties and structure of the NWS

- See first hand how your education is applied to operational meteorology
- Gain insight on NWS forecasting practices and policies
- Experience real-time severe weather operations
- Opportunities to participate in storm damage surveys, deployments and outreach events
- Participate in operationally focused research project

PROGRAM DETAILS

Volunteer program is at least 16 unpaid hours per week at the office in Binghamton, NY from late May through mid August. Schedule will have the flexibility to work around school/job. Learn how the NWS operates by job shadowing several different positions in the office. See how we meet our mission by attending outreach events in the community and providing our core partners accurate weather information so they can make educated and informed decisions. For detailed information on the program visit: <https://www.weather.gov/bgm/outreachStudentOpportunities>

ELIGIBILITY

Full time college students with a declared major in Meteorology, Atmospheric Science or Hydrology. Preference will be given to students completing at least their sophomore year this spring with an interest in future NWS employment¹. You do not need to receive credit through your academic institution to be eligible².

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a complete application by Feb 20, 2026 (incomplete applications won't be considered)

- Complete this online application (bit.ly/4bhFhtm)
- Submit copies of your resume and unofficial transcripts to Bryan.Greenblatt@noaa.gov
- After Feb 20, applications will be reviewed and a panel of NWS staff members will conduct video interviews with the top candidates in early March
- Applicants will be notified of their status by mid March

For More information contact Bryan Greenblatt, program leader, NWS Binghamton at Bryan.Greenblatt@noaa.gov



¹ PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE NWS EMPLOYMENT

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