The National Weather Service in Wilmington, Ohio

is accepting applications for our

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

An opportunity to become exposed to NWS operations and gain experience in working at a premier forecast office with forecast and warning responsibility for southwest and central Ohio, southeast Indiana, and northern Kentucky.

Applications accepted through April 15th, 2022

Highly motivated self-starters are asked to send a resume and cover letter as attachments via email to Seth Binau (seth.binau@noaa.gov), Science and Operations Officer at the Wilmington NWS. Any questions can also be emailed to this address.

Target audience for this volunteer position will be students who are college juniors and seniors in the 2022-2023 school year, who have an interest in operational meteorology and may also be considering the NWS for future employment. Sophomores, as well as grad students will also be considered as long as grad students can show proof of enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year. Those with strong computer and web skills (GIS, Java, Python, etc) are encouraged to apply! We’re looking for enthusiasm, ability to work without supervision, and a passion for weather!

Volunteers will be given hands-on experience with numerous NWS Weather Forecast Office functions and duties, including radiosonde releases, small projects, an introduction to the NWS organizational structure, observation of and participation in severe weather events, as well as forecasting exercises; all while working alongside and virtually with our team of meteorologists.

Emphasis will be placed on providing experience and guidance to make the volunteer student more marketable for future NWS employment.

This is not a paid position. Schedules of work hours will be set based on individual needs to fulfill class credits, and/or to align with student’s other summer work schedules and activities. There is much flexibility in the program, and given ongoing COVID reintegration timelines in the Federal government, the volunteer position is likely to contain both a virtual (early-mid-summer) and in-person (late summer) component. A target of 8-10 hours a week (~80 to 100 hours over the summer) is preferred. Student should preferably live within an hour of NWS Wilmington for manageable commutes and shift work for in-person portions of the volunteership.

Apply today to broaden your experience in operational meteorology with the NWS in Wilmington, Ohio!