

Paid internship positions now available!

Sustainable Sandhills is pleased to announce that the organization has received \$165,200 in grant funds from the North Carolina State Energy Office to support eight “green” energy internships!

We are now recruiting recent graduates of NC Community Colleges and Universities for eight 42-week full-time paid internships with host organizations in the Sandhills region of southeastern NC (Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland counties). The internships are funded through the Student Energy Internship Program (SEIP) of the NC State Energy Office.



The program will match the eight interns with host organizations for 42-week, on-the-job internships focused on energy efficiency and conservation. The eight internships include:

- **Cumberland County Schools:** Two interns will work with the CCS district operations to implement the joint CCS / Sustainable Sandhills Go Green Initiative at the 88 public schools in Cumberland County. The Go Green Initiative teaches earth-friendly behaviors by students and staff, including energy and water conservation, solid waste reduction, local food production in school gardens, and healthy and active lifestyles.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to teach children about environmental responsibility and sustainable living. We are thrilled to partner with Sustainable Sandhills on this initiative that will empower students to make their own school a healthier, more ecologically-friendly place. These lessons last a lifetime and are passed on to friends, siblings and parents outside of the classroom. The impact is remarkable!” –*Kathy C. Miller, CCS Director of Operations*



- **Sustainable Sandhills:** Four interns will work with other school districts in the region to develop and implement their own versions of the SS Green School program— focused on energy and water conservation, solid waste reduction, and incorporating environmental education into curriculum. In addition to recruiting intern candidates, SS is also reaching out to local school districts to serve as host organizations for these four interns. Please contact Jon Parsons via [email](#) or at 910.484.9098 if your district is interested.

- **The City of Fayetteville Environmental Services Department:** Two interns will complete Building Energy Audits and Energy Conservation Plans for 200,000+ square feet of City-owned facilities.

“Based on our experience with the SS Green Business Program and our pilot Green Schools program with the Cumberland County Schools in 2009-10, a 5%-10% savings in utility expenses is attainable in the first year,” says Jon Parsons, Executive Director of Sustainable Sandhills. “Depending on the size of your annual utility expense, that can be a large sum of money. There are school districts in our region that could save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually with help from our internship program.”

For detailed information about the SEIP grant program, internship position descriptions, applicant eligibility and how to apply, please [visit our webpage](#).



In summary:

- Recent graduates (within the last 3 years) of NC Colleges and Universities OR permanent full-time residents of NC who have recently graduated (within the last 3 years) from out-of-state institutions are eligible.
- The Interns will be paid \$12.50/hour.
- Interns provide their own transportation, insurance and cell phone.
- Host organizations provide a safe and secure work environment, training, supervision, and the equipment required for the Interns to successfully complete their internships.
- After reviewing the internship details at the link above, interested candidates should electronically submit a cover letter *and* résumé to Jon Parsons, SS Executive Director at info@sustainablesandhills.org. Deadline for electronic submission of cover letter and résumé is 9/3/2010.
- Initial interviews will be conducted between 8/30/2010 and 9/10/2010.
- The eight internships will run concurrently between 10/11/2010 and July/August 2011.
- We encourage you to forward this information to interested and qualified parties.