

Three New, Paid, Full-Time Energy Internship Opportunities at Sustainable Sandhills!

In July 2010, Sustainable Sandhills was awarded a Student Energy Internship Program (SEIP) Grant from the NC State Energy Office. A total of nine interns began working with six different host organizations last fall. Thanks to the skills and experience gained during these internships, several of our interns have moved on to other permanent full-time jobs, and we have **three new SEIP internship opportunities to announce!** The three host organizations and brief descriptions of each internship opportunity are listed below:

Cumberland County Schools (CCS): one Green Schools Intern, allotted 800 work hours (approximately 20-22 weeks full-time). Internship begins 7/25/2011. [Link to job description.](#)



The **CCS Intern** will be responsible for the Green certification of CCS campuses. The Intern will work closely with participating schools to develop a sustainability action plan that meets the compulsory requirements of the CCS **“Go Green Initiative” (GGI)** program. The Intern will certify schools that meet the prescribed requirements associated with (1) Environmental Education, (2) Pollution Control, (3) Waste Reduction and Recycling, (4) Water Conservation and Efficiency, and (5) Energy Conservation and Efficiency. The Intern may be responsible for providing training, developing newsletters, charting successes, developing incentives to encourage cooperation, and seeking grant-related opportunities for the schools. The Intern will focus on improving energy efficiency and documenting energy use reductions in the CCS.

Harnett County Schools (HCS): one Green Schools Intern, allotted 640 work hours (approximately 16-18 weeks full-time). Internship begins 8/1/2011. [Link to job description.](#)



The **HCS Intern** will be responsible for implementation of the **HCS Energy and Sustainability Plan** during the 2011-12 academic year. The Intern will work to establish and support Conservation Teams at each school. The Intern will be responsible for providing training, documenting results and successes, and seeking grant-related opportunities for the schools. The Intern will focus on improving energy efficiency and documenting energy use reductions in the HCS. The Intern will assist HCS staff

in setting up a database to track utility use and compare to baseline usage in 2010-11 at HCS facilities.

Sustainable Sandhills: one Green Business Intern, allotted 800 work hours (approximately 20-22 weeks full-time). Internship begins ASAP! [Link to job description.](#)



The **Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Intern** will be responsible for certifying local businesses in the SS [Green Business Program](#). The Intern will work closely with SS Staff, Board and local Chambers of Commerce to recruit businesses into the program, and be responsible for supporting those businesses in completing the appropriate checklist and verifying all checklist measures have been completed.

A basic building energy assessment for each certified business is part of the certification process, and the Intern will use a template similar to the Waste Reduction Partners or the NC State Energy Office's Utility Savings Initiative form (supplied by SS) to complete these basic building energy assessments.

The Intern will be responsible for writing a two-page electronic newsletter feature article for each certified business ([sample](#)).

Based on the organization's previous experience with the Green Business Program, the Intern will be expected to certify/recertify 20-25 businesses during the approximately 22 week internship.

Eligibility

Candidates for these internships must be recent graduates (within the preceding three years) of an accredited institution of higher education in NC or a NC community college under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Community Colleges.

Qualifications

An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in business, engineering, planning, environmental management/science, education, communications, or another related field.

Employment Details

- The Interns will be full-time, hourly, temporary employees of Sustainable Sandhills.
- Compensation is established at \$12.50/hour.
- The Interns will report to work at the each of the host organization's offices.
- The Interns' work schedule will match the host organization's schedule.

- There are no paid sick days, holidays or vacation days for these positions.
- There is no travel reimbursement for these positions.
- There is no health insurance benefit for these positions.

Submissions

Submit a resume and cover letter electronically to Jon Parsons, SS Executive Director at jonparsons@sustainablesandhills.org.

- **Submissions will remain open until all three positions are filled.**
- You may elect to apply for one, two, or all three internships with a single resume and cover letter. Be clear in your cover letter which of the internships you are applying for.