



## 2015 PROGRAM

### INTERN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **STUDENT CRITERIA**

1. Must be a Junior, Senior or graduate student at an accredited 4-year academic institution or graduate of an accredited community college with plans to further his/her educational endeavors.
2. Have successfully completed: (1) an Urban Forestry Management course, or its equivalent; AND (2) 3 out of the 6 following courses:
  - Dendrology
  - Spatial Sciences
  - Plant Pathology
  - Entomology
  - Arboriculture
  - Biometrics
3. Have a Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

***NOTE: All applicants will be required to complete a background investigation prior to employment.***

#### **INTERNSHIP BENEFITS**

Each student selected will be provided with the following:

1. \$1,200 Housing Stipend.
2. Registration and \$300 travel scholarship to attend the Fall 2015 Annual SMA Conference (date and location TBA).
3. An hourly wage of \$12/hr for 10 weeks during the summer of 2015.
  - For schools on a semester system: Approximate start date will be the week of May 25-29 ~ approximate end date will be July 20-24.
  - OR
  - For schools on a quarter system: Approximate start date will be the week of June 22-26 ~ approximate end date will be August 10-15.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

1. Complete the attached SMA Intern application.
2. Submit an OFFICIAL University transcript SEALED from your current University.
3. Submit one Letter of Recommendation from an individual employed by your current academic institution.
4. Submit one Letter of Recommendation from an individual who has seen your level of service in your local community –OR- your current employer.
5. Submit a copy of your valid driver's license.
6. **Application deadline is: Thursday, April 30 at 5pm EDT.**
7. Mail or e-mail scanned application materials to:

SMA Intern Program  
PO Box 641  
Watkinsville, GA 30677  
[Aldridge.nicole@gmail.com](mailto:Aldridge.nicole@gmail.com)



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**INTERN APPLICATION – Personal Information**

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**Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last M.I. First

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Apt) City/State Zip

**Alternate Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Apt) City/State Zip

**Contact Information:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone Cell/Alternate Email address

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Male / Female

	NAME & LOCATION	GRADUATE? DEGREE?	MAJOR/SUBJECTS OF STUDY
High School			
College or University			
Specialized Training, Trade School, etc.			
Other Education			



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### **INTERN APPLICATION – Required Questions**

*(Submit a typed word document in response to each of the following questions)*

1. In 250 words or less, explain your career goals, your expectations of this internship program, and how the internship program will benefit by having you as a part of its 2015 class.
2. In 250 words or less, respond to the following scenario as completely as possible:
  - **Scenario:** Assume you manage the urban forest in a city that has a very limited budget for street tree maintenance. Several of the city's trees have a destructive, infectious disease. A recent inventory revealed that there are several hazardous trees along streets. The inventory also recommends pruning cycles. Every day you receive customer requests to prune trees, and you are strongly encouraged to plant trees.
  - **Question:** Describe how you would prioritize your maintenance activities to specifically address all of these items, and justify your rationale for doing so.
3. List your areas of highest proficiency, special skills or other items that may contribute to your abilities in performing this internship.