

MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE  
SUMMER JOBS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program for young men and women ages 15 through 18, who work, learn, and earn together by doing

projects on public land. The goals are to accomplish needed conservation work on public lands, to provide gainful employment for America's youth, and provide an opportunity for participants to develop an understanding and appreciation for the nation's natural environment and heritage.

The Forest Service is now accepting applications for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. To be eligible for the YCC program at Midewin, applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 18, and enrolled in school.
- Be a permanent resident of the United States, its territories or possessions.
- Be able to demonstrate the ability to perform certain outside tasks.
- Be able to get to and from the Midewin headquarters located 4 miles north of Wilmington on Illinois Highway 53.
- Possess a Social Security card and have a work permit (if required) prior to the first working day of the YCC program (June 16<sup>th</sup>).
- Have a bank account for automatic deposit of paychecks.
- Have no history of serious criminal or other anti-social behavior that might jeopardize their safety or that of others.

- Have the consent and permission of a parent or legal guardian to apply.

The Program will begin on Monday, June 16 and run for eight weeks ending on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Participants will work 40 hours a week and be paid the prevailing minimum wage.

To be considered for this program, your application and teacher recommendation letter **MUST** be received in the Midewin office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Top candidates, selected based on the quality of their application and letter of recommendation, will go on to receive interviews. Students will be notified by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Nonselected applicants will be held on file in the event a vacancy should occur prior to start up of the program on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year for the YCC program at Midewin. In past years, the YCC crew has helped plant and maintain the native plant nursery, enhance grassland bird habitat, construct fence needed to manage livestock grazing, construct trails, and assist with an archeological dig. A portion of each work week is spent in educational activities. These include field trips to nearby natural areas and historic sites, and assisting resource professionals with various research activities. Participants are paid for the time spent in educational activities.

Additional information may be obtained by contracting Wendy Tresouthick at (815) 423-6370 or [wltresouthick@fs.fed.us](mailto:wltresouthick@fs.fed.us).

For an application form click here:  
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