



**POSITION:** Summer Employment or Intern Position.

**DESCRIPTION:** Job duties are designed to provide experience through a diversity of work performed at Richardson Wildlife Foundation. These duties may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Collect prairie, wetland, and woodland forb seed.
- Assist with the seeding of prairie or wetlands.
- Plant plugs of native plant species.
- Vegetation control--brush removal from prairies and woodlands.
- Backpack and machine mounted spraying to chemically control exotic, invasive vegetation.
- Chain saw work and timber stand improvement.
- Assist with vegetation sampling surveys of our wetlands.
- Work with Arc-Map software and mapping of the Foundation properties.
- Assist with trapping & surveying reptiles and amphibians and radio telemetry of rare turtles.
- If applicant has already developed bird call and visual identification skills, survey grassland, woodland and wetland birds.
- Creek or pond fish surveys.
- Assist with wood duck and bluebird box maintenance and inspections.
- Miscellaneous duties involved in the daily operations of the Foundation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prefer an upper level college student or recent graduate with a background in Environmental Biology, Ecology, Wildlife Biology, Botany or related field. Must possess a current driver's license, a strong work ethic, and have experience using various hand and power tools.

**STIPEND:** \$10.00 / hour; plus housing if desired (potentially shared living quarters).

**DATES:** June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>

**DEADLINE:** Applications accepted through April 20<sup>th</sup> or until position is filled.

**TO APPLY:** Send resume, letter of interest, and references to: Brian Towey, Richardson Wildlife Foundation, 2316 Shaw Road, West Brooklyn, Illinois 61378. Phone & Fax (815) 628-3300. E-mail: jbtowey@gmail.com

**LOCATION:** Richardson Wildlife Foundation is located near the town of West Brooklyn in Lee County in north central Illinois approximately 50 miles south of Rockford. Our area consists of ~2000 acres of diverse habitat including prairies, wetlands, woodlands and wildlife food plantings. The goals of the Foundation include habitat development and restoration, conservation education, and related research.