

Title: Stewardship Associate (Work Study Program)

Eligibility Requirement: This position is restricted to students that are eligible for the financial aid Work Study Program, which is a financial aid program that provides jobs for students to assist in meeting their educational expenses while gaining workforce training and experiences. You can find more information on Western Washington University's website or Whatcom Community College's website for the position postings and learn more about your eligibility.

Description: Whatcom Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is an accredited land trust through the Land Trust Alliance. The Mission of the Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interests in land and promoting land stewardship. In continuing our promise to future generations, we remain adaptive and diligent in the stewardship of the lands we protect. To learn more about Whatcom Land Trust, you may visit our website at whatcomlandtrust.org.

The Stewardship Associate will primarily support the Stewardship Director and Stewardship Assistant at Whatcom Land Trust with land management activities, including ecological restoration, boundary line marking, maintaining tools and equipment, monitoring habitat conservation properties during annual site visits (most do not have trails), filing and organizing paperwork, data entry, and other Stewardship-specific duties as assigned.

You may apply to this position by emailing a PDF of your resume and interest statement or cover letter to Jennifer Mackey at jennifer@whatcomlandtrust.org. One position is available to begin fall quarter 2023 and is open until filled.

Benefits: Students in the Stewardship Associate position will gain a broad understanding of non-profits and land trusts along with their conservation efforts and principles, natural history of Whatcom County, ecological processes and restoration methods, how to operate and maintain power equipment and other tools, plant and wildlife identification, an introduction to real property including property surveys and boundary marking. Students will receive the opportunity to work throughout the county, further diversifying their experience and exposure to all of Whatcom County.

Qualifications: Whatcom Land Trust is looking for students with an interest in land conservation, restoration, and management. Students must have the ability to follow directions, work independently or as part of a team, strong computer skills to use Microsoft suite and enter data into computer databases, the ability to positively work with people of diverse backgrounds, communicate effectively, and have the ability to lift up to 50 pounds and walk up to six miles in rugged terrain in various weather conditions. A valid driver's license is preferred, though not required. Priority will be given to students who can work one full day on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of each week, and a partial day between Tuesday and Friday depending on class schedules.

Effective start and end dates: 09/19/2023 - 06/14/2024

Contact: Jennifer Mackey; jennifer@whatcomlandtrust.org

Hours/Week: 12-19 hours/week

Pay Rate: \$15.74/hour

Positions Available: 1