



NWS Alaska Employment Information



Student Employment

The Student Educational Employment Program (SEEP) provides Federal employment opportunities for degree seeking students. Students must be enrolled at least half-time in academic, technical, or vocational courses at an accredited high school, technical, vocational, 2-year or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school.

There are two options for student employment within NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), Alaska Region. They are: 1) Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP); and 2) Student Volunteer Program. An application process is required and applicants must meet the eligibility requirements listed below:

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a student enrolled, or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student (diploma, a certificate, etc.);
2. Must be at least the minimum age (16 years of age) required by federal, state or local laws and standards governing the employment of minors;
3. Must be taking at least half-time academic, vocational, or technical courses at an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college, university, graduate or professional school, and;
4. Must be a U.S. citizen, or a U.S. national (resident of American Samoa or Swains Island).

Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

STEP positions for the summer season are normally announced in February on the NWS Alaska Region site: <http://www.arh.noaa.gov/>.

STEP positions are paid positions for up to 120 days and may be extended if continuing need exists. While in the position, the student's duties do not have to be related to their academic career goals, however, interest in meteorology, hydrology or computer/electronics systems are preferred. Students seeking a STEP position must compete against other students.

The positions may be located at any of the following National Weather Service locations:

- [Regional Headquarters in Anchorage](#)
- [Weather Forecast Office \(ANCFO\) Anchorage](#)
- [Weather Forecast Office \(FAIFO\) Fairbanks](#)
- [Weather Forecast Office \(JNUFO\) Juneau](#)
- [Alaska/Pacific River Forecast Center \(AP/RFC\) Anchorage](#)
- [Alaska Aviation Weather Unit \(AAWU\) Anchorage](#)



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Student Volunteer Positions

The NWS Alaska Region offers unpaid training/experience opportunities to students in high school and college. While in these positions, students can study in any area, including meteorology, hydrology or computer/electronic systems. The program allows you to explore career options as well as develop your personal and professional skills. As a student volunteer, you will be exposed to the federal work environment and will learn about the mission and responsibilities of NWS Alaska Region.

Students may volunteer for up to 30 working days. The days do not have to be consecutive. In all cases, prior to participation, the student and the NWS Office Supervisor will enter into an agreement with the school to recognize the joint commitment. The agreement shall outline the responsibilities of each partner. It should also identify the type (s) of assignment (s), the conditions under which you will work, and the weekly work schedule.

Why would you want to be in the Student Volunteer Program?

The Student Volunteer Program can enrich your future. Some of the benefits include: career exploration early in your academic studies; exposure to new and emerging occupations and professions; academic credit for the work you perform (shall be determined by your academic institution); work experience which will enhance your ability to obtain paying jobs in the future; and stimulating and rewarding assignments.

How do you become a Student Volunteer?

If you are considering becoming a student volunteer with the NWS Alaska Region, contact the Supervisor of the office where you would like to work. These positions can be established at Regional Headquarters in Anchorage, WFO Anchorage, WFO Fairbanks, WFO Juneau or at the various WSOs located at remote sites. There are no student positions available at the CWSU. A complete list of weather offices, with contact information, can be found on NWS Alaska Region site: <http://www.arh.noaa.gov/>.

After the decision is made to become a Student Volunteer, the NWS Office Supervisor will provide the student with the necessary forms. If the student is less than 18 years of age, forms are provided to the parent or guardian. The school is a party to completion of forms.



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What career fields exist in Alaska in the National Weather Service?

Series Number	Series Title
GS-0260	Equal Employment Opportunity Manager
GS-0303	Administrative Support Assistant
GS-0318	Secretary - Office Automation
GS-0342	Support Services Specialist
GS-0343	Management and Program Analyst
GS-0560	Budget Analyst
GS-0802	Engineering Technician
GS-0856	Electronic Technician
GS-1301	Physical Scientist
GS-1313	Geophysicist
GS-1315	Hydrologist
GS-1316	Hydrological Technician
GS-1340	Meteorologist
GS-1341	Meteorological Technician
GS-2005	Supply Technician
GS-2102	Transportation Assistant
GS-2210	Information Technology Specialist
WS-4797	Maintenance Mechanic Foreman
WG-4797	Maintenance Mechanic

What job series is right for me? Descriptions, Qualifications, and Classifications?

Qualification Standards, General Schedule Positions
<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/sec-iii/a/num-ndx.htm>
Classification Standards, General Schedule Positions
<http://www.opm.gov/fedclass/html/gsseries.asp#0500>

Where are NWS jobs announced? How do I apply?

NWS jobs are posted at: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

Follow the instructions posted on the particular announcement for which you are applying.