The State Arboretum of Virginia, located at the University of Virginia's Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce, is offering a 10-week internship to begin approximately June 1st and end approximately July 30th. Start and end dates are negotiable.

Interns will gain experience assisting with the care and maintenance of the Perennial Gardens and Native Plant Trail. Activities within these areas will include routine care (weeding, mulching, and planting), removal of invasive plants, plant records management, and more. The intern will have the opportunity to assist with Summer Camp for rising second through eighth graders. Approximately two weeks of the internship will be working with Environmental Education staff and camp attendees. The intern will have the opportunity to develop and execute a special project in collections care, interpretation, or another area of interest.

The intern will have access to summer public programs free of charge, the library collections, and will work closely with various members of the arboretum staff and volunteers.

The Public Horticulture Intern will receive a stipend of \$4000 paid in two installments during the program. Housing is not available.

A successful candidate must be enrolled in a degree program or have an Associates or Bachelor's degree in Horticulture, Arboriculture, Forestry, Environmental Science or Studies, or closely related field.

To apply send a cover letter, current resume, and copy of unofficial transcripts as a Microsoft Word document or pdf with horticulture internship in the subject line to <u>carriewhitacre@virginia.edu</u>.

Or mail to: Carrie Whitacre, Blandy Experimental Farm, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce, VA 22620.

Applications due by May 1, 2021.