

## Tennessee Department of Agriculture

### Business Development Internship

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Business Development Division is seeking an intern for the summer of 2026 (May 18, 2026 – August 14, 2026). The selected candidate will receive hands-on experience with programs and initiatives that work to grow Tennessee's economy through agriculture and connect Tennessee agricultural producers with consumers across the state and nation.

#### Location:

Ellington Agricultural Center  
Holeman Building  
424 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN 37220

#### Major Duties:

##### Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program (TAEP):

- Assist TAEP Staff with the project verification process. This verification could be in person and/or in the field.
- Conduct telephone calls to schedule TAEP verification visits and assist with TAEP communications.
- Be an active part of writing, proofreading, and reviewing any document changes within the TAEP process.

#### Market Research:

- With guidance from Business Development staff, conduct market research on Tennessee-made agricultural and forestry-related products.
- Assist with outreach and identification of business development opportunities across Tennessee.

#### Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair:

- Assist with planning the Tennessee Department of Agriculture building at the Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair.
- Research activities and programming that would best represent Tennessee's agricultural industry while reflecting the theme of the 2026 Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair.
- Assist in the creation and decoration of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture building at the 2026 Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair.

**Other duties may be assigned as needed.**

### Education Requirements:

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma and be currently pursuing a degree in agricultural marketing, agricultural business, agricultural communications, or another related field.
- Recent college graduates, master's students, and doctoral students may apply.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

### Essential Knowledge and Required Skills:

- Applicants must be a self-starter.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills.
- Ability to plan and execute projects with limited supervision.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office.
- General knowledge and understanding of agriculture and forestry systems is preferred.

### Comments:

- This is a paid internship.
- Some travel may be required.
- All participants in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Internship program are required to present details of their internship experience to executive staff. This presentation will be given to executive leadership during a luncheon at the end of the internship term.
- For more information on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Business Development Division please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/agbusinessdevelopment>.

### Working Conditions:

- This internship is primarily office-based but requires regular travel, with the possibility of remote work at times.

### How to Apply:

To apply for this internship opportunity, please send the following documents to [Jamye.Freeman@tn.gov](mailto:Jamye.Freeman@tn.gov):

- Resume
- Letter of intent
- Most recent transcript
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- DD214 (**veteran candidates only**)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once your application has been received, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please reach out to [Jamye.Freeman@tn.gov](mailto:Jamye.Freeman@tn.gov).

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025.**



## Other Information:

The State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy. The State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veterans status, or any other category protected by state of and/or federal civil rights laws.