

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Tennessee Agricultural Museum Internship

The Tennessee Agricultural Museum is seeking an intern for the summer of 2026 (May 18, 2026 – August 14, 2026). The selected candidate will work closely with museum staff and will be responsible for assisting with a wide range of projects and assignments related to public history, historical interpretation, collections care, and museum management all focused on rural life.

Location:

Ellington Agricultural Center
Tennessee Agricultural Museum
404 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN 37220

Major Duties:

Curatorial & Collections Duties:

- Under the direct supervision of the Tennessee Agricultural Museum’s Curator, the selected candidate will assist with evaluating, interpreting, accessioning, and storing museum artifacts. The chosen candidate will learn best practices for the handling of material culture. This could include a variety of exhibit furniture and case work, related to both in-house and traveling exhibits.
- Assist the Curator with maintaining collection accession records using PastPerfect Software.
- Conduct research on topics concerning Tennessee history, art, and culture as appropriate for museum projects.

Educational Programming:

- Under the supervision of the Tennessee Agricultural Museum’s Educator, the selected candidate will be responsible for assisting with the management of hands-on educational programs for 20-25 elementary aged students on most Fridays during the internship.
- Create craft kits for use at Farm Fun Days and December First Friday events.
- In collaboration with museum staff, the selected candidate will be responsible for developing two hands-on educational experiences for use at museum events.

Marketing and Social Media:

- Work directly with museum staff to create weekly social media content and meet strategic social media engagement goals. This content will highlight Tennessee rural history, the museum’s artifact collection, and summer outreach events hosted by the Tennessee Agricultural Museum.

Community Outreach:

- The selected candidate will be responsible for assisting with the set up and tear down of the Tennessee Agricultural Museum's summer festival, Farm Fun Day, which will take place July 18, 2026. The selected candidate will be responsible for managing the museum's educational component during the festival.

Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Education Requirements:

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma and be currently pursuing a degree in history, education, 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:

- The selected candidate must have the ability to work independently and manage individual projects efficiently.
- The selected candidate must have excellent written and oral communication skills.
- The selected candidate must be comfortable speaking to medium to large sized groups.
- 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 Agricultural Museum, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/agmuseum.html>



How to Apply:

To apply for this internship opportunity, please send the following documents to 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.

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.