

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Leadership Intern

Position Title:	Environmental Impact and Remediation Analyst
Location:	Mineville, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 15 weeks [May 15, 2017 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$13.25 per hour

Clean makes homes more [energy efficient](#), [restores streams & watersheds](#), [engages youth](#) on the environment, promotes [green transportation](#), mitigates the effects of [stormwater](#), helps communities reduce [waste](#), and contributes to public policy discussions.

That's [what](#) we do. [Why](#) we do it is to help create a more sustainable society in Atlantic Canada. We work for a clean climate & clean water, and, to help us get there, we foster, educate and support clean leaders in our communities.

Clean is a non-profit, non-governmental environment organization created in 1988 through an [Act of the Legislature](#) in Nova Scotia. However, we receive no core government funding. We run the charity through money raised for our many programs and projects, which can come from agencies, businesses, government departments, foundations and individual citizens.

You may know us as Clean Nova Scotia, but we work on projects in other parts of Atlantic Canada, throughout the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik. That's why we say we're just *Clean*.

We are currently seeking a hardworking, dynamic and motivated individual to add to our Nova Scotia Youth Corps (Youth Corps) leadership team for summer 2017, who has a strong passion for people and the environment. Our approach is always collaborative and team oriented.

Program Overview:



Youth Corps

In Nova Scotia, more than half of our young people leave the province after graduation. But what if they were given the skills and opportunities to join a vibrant green economy here at home?

The Youth Corps wants to inspire, develop and nurture an interest in jobs that support a future-looking economy and a sustainable environment. By tapping into a student's journey mid-way through school, our training and internship program offers new green options in career path decisions – while giving young minds the tools they need for future success.

The Youth Corps builds connections between youth and local organizations to stimulate stewardship for the natural environment and support the emergence of young community leaders. This is accomplished by providing students with training and employment opportunities through paid work placements with community-based organizations. Our goal at Clean is to help build that foundation on which students can build their careers, and grow into the thoughtful, creative policy-makers and CEOs of tomorrow.

Leadership interns will gain meaningful experience in:

- Project and event planning and coordination;
- Mentorship and supervision of staff and/or volunteers;
- Training and facilitation skills;
- Public outreach and communication;
- Networking and cross-cultural learning;
- Environmental issues, adaptations and best practices.

Position Overview:

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Youth Corps will be the Mineville Community Association, reporting to the Mineville Community Association Executive. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for a study documenting the effect of local dumping in the area on the environment, wildlife, waterways, fish etc. You will also be conducting a weekly clinic to educate youth on the environment as well as renewable energy sources and how to grow plants and vegetables. The successful candidate needs to be willing to hike through various types of woods and along waterways, consider and implement good safety practices at all times, and document all studies and findings including clinics. There will be a Power Point presentation at the end of the term to disclose findings.

About the Community Partner:

The Mineville Community Assn works with HRM to maintain the Parks and Trails in the area. We also maintain the cleanliness and upkeep of the Roads, Highways and ramps, lakes and waterways to an extent, mostly keeping trash out of the area. Mineville Community Association is located at 351 Mineville Road.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- The preliminary focus of this project would be to implement a study of the ongoing issue of dumping in remote areas of Mineville. We would need to know how much, where, what kind of environment is impacted, (is it on land, in the water, swampland, etc?). This would need to be mapped and amounts shown.
- Next we would like to implement a plan to remediate this trash. This may take some time and other resources would have to be involved. The student would be expected to plan and organize this remediation. This may or may not happen this summer depending on how much work is involved and resources available.
- There needs to be a study of the changing birdlife and wildlife in the community. Consider impact of the increased subdivision of the area. For example: What types of birds are left in the area? Why are bats no longer abundant in the area? Is this because of Human encroachment on their territories?? Can we bring them back?
- We would like to examine the effects of the dumping on the waterways in the immediate areas. Are the fish being affected? What species are there currently in the rivers and lakes in the areas? Are species becoming extinct in our waterways? Would seeding be effective or needed or might it be detrimental to the existing environment?
- The student would host a weekly clinic. The intent to be:
 - educate youth on effects of dumping on our environment;

- educate youth on wildlife and birdlife in the area;
- educate youth on impacts to waterways of dumping;
- educate youth on remediation;
- hands on for a small garden to show youth of today to grow plants and vegetables;
- explain water conservation;
- explain energy efficiency and renewable energy. Build an example of renewable energy. Maybe hold a workshop on renewable energy;
- The student would be expected to organize, plan and execute the Annual Mineville Roadside Clean-up.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- One [1] year of university or college in a related field;
- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Must have reliable transportation and the ability to travel;
- Must possess excellent, written and oral communication skills;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrates interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Must be able to hike through woods and along waterways for study;
- Must be able to work independently.

To apply, fill out the online application [here](#). After you click the 'submit' button, you will be directed to a page where you can upload your cover letter(s), resume, and letter of reference. You can also access that page directly by [clicking here](#) – note that your reference can also submit their letter on your behalf directly through that page. Your application will not be considered until we have received all of your application materials.

The deadline to apply is midnight, April 2nd, 2017. We appreciate all interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Clean is committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Aboriginal People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.