

Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

Position Title:	Trails, Nursery and Grounds Worker
Number of Positions:	1
Location:	Lower Ship Harbour, Nova Scotia
Position Status:	Temporary, 9 weeks [June 26 – August 25, 2017]
Hours:	Full-time [35 hours per week]
Wage:	<u>Minimum</u> \$11.75/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) 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. And our Aboriginal Leadership Program builds on the Youth Corps to focus on the needs of First Nations youth while bringing traditional indigenous knowledge into the program. 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.

Position Overview:

The host for this Summer Student Intern position through Youth Corps will be The Deanery Project reporting to Kim Thompson, Executive Director. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for working with other staff members on applied/hands on permaculture related projects in the gardens on our trails, helping host and deliver summer programs and assisting with related documentation and communication projects. The successful candidate needs to be passionate about being in the woods, love digging in the dirt, be an independent but collaborative worker who enjoys sharing skills and learning with others.

Host:

The Deanery Project is a non-profit cooperative which operates a rural learning centre focused on the environment, arts, and community development. The project began operations in 2011, and offers its own year round public programming and works with a wide variety of organizations to create enriched place-based programs. The buildings on the property serve as models of energy efficient retrofits. The Main Hall has a large common room, cozy dormitory-style accommodations for 18 and a commercial kitchen. Rocky's Roost houses a learning hub for bicycle enthusiasts, a community classroom and a wood working studio. The Tiny is an inspiring example of off-grid living and serves as an artist in residence space. Permaculture design principals and the arts shape the environmental education work the Deanery engages with.

The surrounding Ship Harbour region is rich in natural beauty, home to the protected wilderness areas of Ship Harbour Long Lake, Tangier Grand, and White's Lake, as well as the Eastern Shore Provincial Park Beach System including Clam Harbour, Taylor's Head, Martinique and Lawrencetown (see map). The recently protected 100 Wild Islands are another amazing resource on its doorstep. Located 60 km east of Halifax on the Eastern Shore, the beautiful 25 acre Deanery Project property includes Acadian forest, woodland trails, fields, and ocean front.

The project has become an important community and environmental resource for Halifax Regional Municipality and the Province since it was founded in June 2011. The extraordinary dedication of its volunteers saved the property from being sold for private use after having served for nearly 75 years as a summer camp for youth. The organization has insured, through the cooperative model that now governs it, that it will remain in the public domain in perpetuity.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with development and maintenance of 5 km of woodland trails;

- Assist in design, construction and maintenance of brush fences, garden beds, rainwater collection system, native tree nursery and general grounds projects;
- Document edible and medicinal plants, and trees, in the area;
- Assist in creation of interpretive signage for on-site projects;
- Assist with on-site summer programming as needed;
- Assist with communications and outreach as it relates to summer programming;
- Maintenance of garden tools (and possibly bicycles).

Requirements/Qualifications

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2017;
- Is not a member of immediate family of host;
- 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;
- Ability to maneuver in small pathways and perform physical activities for extended periods of time;
- Comfortable working in a fairly remote community, as well as sharing resources such as meals and services with other staff and visitors of the facility.

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, May 24, 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.