



# Rangeland Internship Program

Wyoming Stock Growers Association | The Nature Conservancy – Wyoming | Assn. of Conservation Districts

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## Mentor Application

Please complete this application form and return it to the address below as soon as possible. Please send back to: Wyoming Stock Growers Assn. Attn: Haley Lockwood, P.O. Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003 or by email to [haley@wysga.org](mailto:haley@wysga.org).

Starting in 2013, this joint internship program was designed to offer students real-world ranching experience and resource management through hands-on educational opportunities.

### Program Mission & Goals

*“The West is losing experienced land stewards. Ranchers are aging and federal land management agencies are faced with a looming loss of capacity. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of land stewards. In a unique partnership between the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, and the Wyoming Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, we are providing ranching experience and a rancher’s pragmatic perspective on resource management to students who may later pursue careers in resource management in either government or the private sector.”*

**Please Print or Type**

Date Application Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Physical Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Interns your operation is willing to mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Information (Bunkhouse, apartment, room in ranch house, etc.):

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Please note the item/services that are available to the intern while on the mentoring operation:

- Washer and Dryer: Please explain if services will be utilized and/or shared by others on the operation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Internet Connection: Please explain location and times of use for service: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opportunity to eat with operation's crew, employees or family. If not, is there a kitchen/kitchenette for intern to utilize?  Yes  No

Additional Items Interns will need for duration of Internship (i.e. bed sheets, towels, hiking boots, etc.):

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Please give a brief list of activities done on the operation during the summer months that interns may experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any items the intern cannot bring with them (i.e. dog, horse, etc.):

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Please list a few of the most important natural resource practices implemented on the operation:

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Please list all natural resource agencies your operation works with throughout the summer (i.e. Conservation Districts, USDA-NRCS, USFS, BLM, or Private Contractor):

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1. Will there be opportunities for the intern to go to any resource management related meetings throughout the summer? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If you answered Yes, please explain:

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2. Are you willing to dedicate time each day towards mentoring your intern? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

3. Are there any activities on the operation that you do not want the intern to participate (i.e. use of equipment, special activities such as sorting cattle, doctoring, haying, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who would be the main mentor on the operation? Please list any other individuals who may assist:

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Mentor Responsibilities and Objectives:

- This mentoring position is voluntary and can be renewed each year as such
- To provide an educational and safe learning experience
- Will work with intern to meet learning objectives
- Will give the intern the opportunity to meet with local resource related entities when applicable
- Contact the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) if any issues and/or questions occur *(Please find contact information on the footer of the page)*
- Will provide a safe and functioning living space for intern
- Understanding that intern may or may not have agricultural experiences and may not be suitable for various kind of work done on the operation with or without guidance and/or supervision
- Is willing to dedicate three (3) months to the Rangeland Internship Program
- Understand that intern is receiving stipend amount from WSGA and is required to submit weekly work summaries and photos at the end of each week between Friday and Sunday.
- Termination of mentoring opportunity can happen at any time and mentors can resign from mentoring by contacting WSGA offices and setting up a meeting time (via phone or in person) regarding reasons for withdrawal from program *(We ask you give a 2 week notice to relocate intern)*

I understand responsibilities and requirements to be met by person(s) receiving a mentoring position and I certify by my signature on this application that I can meet the objectives stated above and if I cannot I must contact the Wyoming Stock Growers Association offices to announce my withdrawal from the mentoring position for the duration of the internship program of three (3) months.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

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Date

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Applicant Signature

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Printed Name

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