



2024 Summer Conservation Steward

Position Description:

The Edward Lowe Foundation's Summer Conservation Steward will focus their time on a combination of various stewardship related activities at Big Rock Valley (BRV), the foundation's 2,000-acre property comprised of woodlands, wetlands, and prairies, located in Cassopolis, MI. This position is aimed at aiding in the growth of a future natural resources professional, as well as the continued stewardship of the foundation's property. If the selected candidate has a particular interest in biological research, a portion of their time may be devoted towards an onsite research project as well. Examples of some of the stewardship activities the position may aid in include wildlife surveys (eastern massasauga rattlesnake, mitchell satyr butterfly, etc.), prescribed fire, invasive species treatment, brush removal, erosion control, timber stand improvement, etc. This position is open to an undergraduate student, or a recent graduate, majoring in natural resource management, wildlife biology, conservation sciences or related field that is looking to gain experience in natural resource management. The selected candidate must pass a drug screening and background check prior to starting, along with having a valid driver's license.

Edward Lowe Foundation Conservation Summer Steward Details

Location: Cassopolis, MI 49031

Timeframe: May 2024 – August 2024 (~16 Weeks, flexible depending on availability)

Part-time: up to 40hrs/week (Flexible, 500 hours minimum, 640 hours maximum)

Compensation: \$15/hr + Onsite housing

To apply, please email a completed application as **one document** to Jarod Reibel, Conservation Stewardship Land Manager (jarod@lowe.org - 269-445-4229) no later than March 11, 2024. Please reach out with any questions regarding the position.

Complete applications will include:

- 1-page cover letter, which includes dates available
- Resume, including 3 references
- University transcript (unofficial accepted)

Edward Lowe Foundation Background:

The Edward Lowe Foundation was established by Edward and Darlene Lowe in 1985. Located in Cassopolis, MI, the foundation has dual missions, championing entrepreneurs and land stewardship. Reflecting Ed Lowe's great love and respect for the land, the foundation promotes and maintains diverse native species with particular attention to listed species. For more information regarding the Edward Lowe Foundation, please see our website: <https://edwardlowe.org/>