

## Nova Scotia Youth Corps Summer Student Intern

**Position Title:** Conservation Technician  
**Number of Positions:** 1  
**Location:** Westville, Nova Scotia  
**Position Status:** Temporary, 9 weeks [June 26 – August 25, 2017]  
**Hours:** Full-time [35 hours per week]  
**Wage:** Minimum \$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:



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 Intern position through Youth Corps will be the Pictou County Rivers Association (PCRA), reporting to the volunteer executive committee & the Summer Student Foreman. In this position, you will be mainly responsible for restoring and constructing new in-stream habitat restoration structures, removing stream debris, riparian tree planting, and assisting with community outreach projects.

Working for the Rivers Association is an amazing opportunity! Over the course of the summer, working with the PCRA provides a multitude of employable skills. Daily, students are required to show they can work efficiently and productively on a team, complete tasks in outdoor/wilderness conditions, keep themselves and their teammates safe, and make a noticeable difference in the health of the world around them. This exciting job gives a sense of satisfaction at the end of a work day and increases the student's consciousness of environmental issues. The successful candidate needs to have the ability to work as part of a team, be self-motivated, hardworking, and interested in public outreach and education on environmental issues. This position requires the successful candidate to work outdoors for extended periods of time and will result in exposure to hot or rainy weather. The selected intern must also be physically capable of heavy lifting, and comfortable being around potential allergens in or around streams and culverts.

### **About the Host:**

The PCRA was founded in 1990, and has assumed responsibility for the rivers of Pictou County. The PCRA now has over 35 active members and hosts multiple community events throughout the year. Conservation, public awareness and physical river ecosystem restoration have been our ongoing initiative since incorporation.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Working as part of a team under the supervision of a foreman;
- Working outdoors daily under a number of conditions while performing manual labor;
- Rebuilding and maintaining fish habitat through the construction of in-stream structures and bank stabilizers;
- Tree planting and in-stream restoration, in and around our local Watersheds;
- Water quality measurements and documentation.

### **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;
- Candidates must be comfortable with working outside for extended periods of time and prepared to do so (bringing sunscreen, rain gear);
- Able to perform physically demanding tasks such as heavy lifting and hiking into work sites;
- 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;
- A valid Driver's Licence is considered an asset.

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.*