



RAMAPO COLLEGE STUDENTS!

2026-27 May H. Weis Environmental Award - Internship Requirements

Recipients of the May H. Weis award participate in an internship at **The New Weis Center for Education, Arts & Recreation** in Ringwood, NJ, and receive a **stipend and full tuition scholarship** for one semester.

Students with a Major and/or Minor in environmental science, environmental studies, sustainability, education, science (chemistry, biology, earth science, plant studies, natural sciences), or a related field is preferred.

A recommendation letter from a dean/faculty member will be required.

Training and career mentoring provided. Great opportunity for professional development and networking!

General Requirements - 1 yr term, starts mid-late May 2026. 15 hrs/wk avg (depending on seasonal needs)

- ★ Motivated and willing to take initiative
- ★ Prompt and efficient communication and follow up skills
- Outgoing and comfortable engaging with all ages, especially children
- Candidates should love nature and being outdoors, and be able to hike several miles
- Must have own transportation
- Previous camp counselor, educator, or leadership experience is preferable
- Knowledge of local flora and fauna, or willingness to learn

Program Responsibilities - Interns will learn to lead or assist with a range of nature-based programs, including:

- Summer and school break nature programs (grades pre-K-12)
- Ecology, environment, sustainability and nature-based school field trips (K-12 and neuro-diverse students)
- Public programs and guided hikes/walks for all ages
- Seasonal programs, including maple sugaring, pumpkin chunkin, wicked walk, etc.
- Scout programs and badges
- Homeschool and adult nature programs

Additional Responsibilities

- Sustainability initiatives - including recycling, composting and energy conservation
- Conservation initiatives - including invasive species maintenance and tree health monitoring
- Gardening and grounds - including planting and maintenance of our teaching gardens
- Outreach and special events - including farmers markets, environmental fairs and festivals, seasonal community events (both on and offsite)
- Interns will also develop, present, document and implement a project of their choice

Application period ends on April 10, 2026. Interested students must apply via the Ramapo College website:
<https://ramapo.academicworks.com/>

More information and additional internship opportunities at The New Weis Center:
<http://www.highlandsnaturefriends.org/interns.html>

★ **Please review The New Weis Center website before applying to familiarize yourself with their mission and operations. Send questions about the internship portion of the May H. Weis Award Environmental Award to the email below. Questions about the scholarship and/or stipend should be directed to the college.**

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