

## 2020 Rural Farm Policy Fellowship

The Essex Farm Institute is pleased to offer an exciting new opportunity for an agriculture policy or food systems student to work on food, agriculture, and rural policy issues in the Adirondack Park.

**Description:** The Program Director (PD) of the Essex Farm Institute is seeking a qualified and motivated student for its summer Rural Farm Policy Fellowship. The Fellow will assist the PD on a variety of policy advocacy projects. This is a part-time work opportunity that could start as soon as mid-January and carry through til September. The PD is eager to hear feedback from students on how this fellowship could be shaped to fit their interests and learning objectives.

### Duties & Responsibilities:

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Review NY Farm Bureau Policy and Council on Hunger and Food Policy (CHFP) for relevance to Adirondack Agriculture;
- Research and identify areas of policy alignment between NY Farm Bureau Policy/CHFP focus areas and the Adirondack Council, EFI and other area partners (Adirondack North Country Association, Adk Action, NOFA-NY, conservation orgs, Scenic Hudson, GrowNYC);
- Attend Monthly Essex County Farm Bureau Meetings (June-Sept)
- Lead monthly policy discussions with local farm bureau and CHFP members (June-Sept);
- Draft short issue briefers to support policy advocacy through social media, blogs, policy memos;
- Draft policy revisions and proposals for September County Farm Bureau Meeting.

### Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a law or policy graduate program
- Students with a concentration in food and/or agriculture policy preferred
- Interest in public policy and advocacy
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills

**Supervision:** Racey Henderson, Program Director of the Essex Farm Institute, will supervise the fellow and will be available as a resource Monday - Friday by phone or in person.

### Commitment:

- Part-time at EFI Office in Elizabethtown, NY – 10 wks any time after June 1 at 15hours per week, \$3,000 stipend
- Add-on options – (1) directed study for Spring Semester – work focus to be collaboratively discussed and designed, and/or (2) 50 hours paid work between January – June, \$1,000 stipend

**Office Space:** Shared with Racey at the Adirondack Council Office in Elizabethtown, NY. Fellow will need to provide own computer. To apply submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to

[EssexFarmInstitute@adirondackcouncil.org](mailto:EssexFarmInstitute@adirondackcouncil.org).

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