

Archeologist

Position Announcement

OVERVIEW

The affiliate archeologist is a state position assigned to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Office and supports work for the Kansas NRCS Cultural Resource Program. The incumbent serves as a cultural resources specialist associated with soil, water, plant, and related conservation related projects, and is responsible to assist the NRCS State Archaeologist (SA) with project reviews, field assessments, report development, guidance and assistance to area and field personnel for conservation, protection and enhancement of cultural resources of Kansas.

The position will be directed by and assist the SA with project reviews, planning, application, guidance and training activities in the state. This will include ensuring the technical quality of cultural resource reviews, field reconnaissance, documenting project findings, developing reports, and participating in environmental reviews. This employee is required to operate in both outdoor environments and office settings while effectively communicating with associates, partners, and the public.

The position is a full-time employee of a local county conservation district. **Two positions will be hired for placement localities to perform duties regionally and across the state. The positions are expected to be located in Hays, Hutchinson or Salina - all in Kansas - depending on conditions at the time of hirings.**

SALARY AND PAY RANGE

The archeologist position is started at an NRCS equivalent 9 rating depending on the level of background and experience of a qualifying candidate. The beginning salary of the Grade 9, Step 1 entry-level is **\$61,722** plus a \$4,800 health insurance incentive. Employees are eligible to advance up to a GS-11 rating with satisfactory performance evaluations and sufficient time in grade.

REQUIRED / PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. College level degree in archaeology, anthropology, or related discipline is required.
2. Graduate level degree in archaeology, anthropology, or related discipline is preferred, meeting the U.S. Department of Interior, Secretaries (SOI), qualifications.
3. Ability to effectively interpret technical information developed in archival surveys and field investigations.
4. Knowledge of applicable federal laws regarding cultural resources and historic preservation, and knowledge of required consultations.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

A prospective employee will be required to pass all applicable background checks requested by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Must possess and maintain a valid state motor vehicle operator's license for the type of vehicle(s) operated to perform the duties of this position.

APPLYING

Positions will remain open until filled. Qualified candidates should send a resume, transcripts, cover letter and list of three most recent employers who can be contacted for references to Evelyn.Peat@ks.gov . Applicants must reference their last name along with the phrase “Archeologist” and the city location(s) for employment consideration in the subject line of the email, e.g. Smith – Archeologist – Hays (Hutchinson, and/or Salina). Additional questions can be directed to (785) 564-6618.