2019 Fact Sheet

PURPOSE
The Miserez-Carter Boone County 4-H Youth Program Assistant (YPA) position was created in 2018 through a gift from Victoria Miserez and William Carter to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. The purpose of this temporary summer position is to provide an immersion experience for a local college student considering a career in Cooperative Extension and/or youth development.

WHAT IS 4-H?
4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, empowering nearly six million young people from urban, suburban, and rural communities with the skills to lead for a lifetime. 4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Based on their interests and guided by adult mentors, youth select from a broad range of local 4-H programs and projects in areas such as science, healthy living, agriculture, the arts, technology, and civic engagement. Regardless of the project area, all 4-H programs include mentoring and career readiness as core elements.

DESCRIPTION
The YPA position is for eight weeks in the summer, mostly June and July. The hours are part-time, an average of 20 hours per week, and will include some evenings and weekends, and possibly overnight hours (for camps). There will be one summer YPA each year. This is a paid position through University of Missouri Extension, and that complies with MU Extension policies and procedures. The summer YPA will be supervised by the 4-H Youth Development Specialist headquartered in Boone County.

The summer YPA will gain hands-on experience in youth development programming, working closely with volunteers and professionals in a team atmosphere to plan, implement and evaluate educational programming for youth in both urban and rural settings. This may include overnight and/or day camps, coordinating county fair exhibits, organizing community service activities, assisting with fundraising events, leading activities, planning meetings, communications, and more.

QUALIFICATIONS
The Miserez-Carter Boone County 4-H summer YPA position is for current undergraduates at any four-year college or university in Boone County, Missouri. Preference will be given to students with no previous internship experience, and to current or former 4-H members interested in pursuing a career in Cooperative Extension and/or youth development.

All finalists must successfully complete a 4-H volunteer screening process and background check before the applicant can move to the final round of reviews.

APPLICATION PROCESS
All applications must be submitted by midnight on Friday, April 19, 2019. Apply through the MU Extension website, search for Job I.D. #29668, https://hrs.missouri.edu/ Questions about the position can be directed to John Shackelford at the Boone County Extension office, (573) 445-9792, email ShackelfordJK@missouri.edu.