



Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

POSITION, TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

Plant Protection & Quarantine Aid/Technician

GS-0421-03/04/05

\$17.46 - \$19.52 /hour

GS level will be based on course work and experience

This position may be eligible for a hiring incentive.

OPENING DATE: Immediately

CLOSING DATE: March 13, 2026, or until filled

PROMOTIONAL POTENTIAL: NONE

LOCATION OF POSITION: Western North Dakota or western South Dakota, specific location is flexible.

You will be working in remote areas, but this is not a remote position working from home.

We will be interviewing as applications are received, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

To submit a resume or for further information please contact:

USDA APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine

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Applications are being accepted from the public for the following positions:

These are temporary, full-time positions. Employees will begin work on May 18, 2026, to August/September 2026 depending on applicants' availability and projects assigned. The tour of duty will be four, 10-hour days with three-day weekends. Work schedules may be altered. Paid holidays with annual and sick leave earned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a minimum of a high school diploma and a valid driver's license. Course work or experience in Biological Sciences is preferred but is not required.

DUTIES: Duties include surveying grasshoppers and other pests throughout western North or South Dakota; collecting insects with nets and by hand; utilizing iPads and gathering data; maintaining and submitting accurate records; driving on rural/gravel roads; and possible monitoring of grasshopper suppression activities that include pesticides. Frequent overnight travel of up to three nights a week will be required. While in official travel status, a government vehicle will be provided. Lodging and per diem costs are covered by the Agency. Most of the duties require working independently, without direct supervision in rural areas. Training will be provided.

TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a resume (no more than two pages) that includes details of your experience including years/months of previous positions and a copy of your high school or college transcripts as applicable. Email your resume and transcripts to Amy Mesman, State Plant Health Director ND/SD at amy.mesman@usda.gov. *Indicate on your resume what location you are applying for – North or South Dakota.* Please contact the office above if you have any questions about the position and duties.

All males born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service Board.

Applicants selected for Federal positions will be required to complete a background information form before entering on duty.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Use of postage paid Agency envelopes in filing applications is a violation of Federal law and will disqualify you for consideration.