

**Position:** CSF Event Internships – Multiple Positions available

**Location:** Rapid City, South Dakota

**Event Dates:** Our dates for the internship are flexible as we want to work with your schedule. Our dates for fair are August 21-29, 2026. Some internships will be able to start prior to fair, and some will require you to be there the whole fair.

**Program Purpose:** To provide an outstanding opportunity to gain training and work experience in the agriculture, event management, and marketing industries.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA or B average.
- Applications should be an undergraduate college student.
- Applicants should be US residents.
- An agricultural degree program and background is preferred but not required for livestock related positions.
- Applicants interested in livestock or rodeo position must be comfortable around livestock, including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, swine, and goats.
- Applicants should possess excellent communication skills and a strong work ethic. Self-motivation and the ability to work on a task with minimal supervision is ideal. A positive attitude and organization are beneficial.

**The Internship:** The internship program will provide qualified college students with the opportunity to assist in all aspects of event planning and execution for the Central States Fair.

**Compensation:**

- Compensation to be discussed with each candidate.
- CSF will provide all interns with lodging (if located outside of Rapid City) and tickets to CSF events.
- CSF will comply with school requirements, written evaluations and other documentation related to the internship. It is the intern's responsibility to initiate and coordinate college credits for this internship with his/her college.

**To Apply Submit the Following:**

- Application: <https://www.centralstatesfairinc.com/f/233>
- Transcript: can be unofficial
- Resume: including three professional references

- Headshot or other appropriate picture to use for announcements on social media.

**Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2026, at 11:59pm MT**

### **General Internship Requirements:**

- Serve as a point of contact for fairgoers, addressing inquiries and providing information with a friendly demeanor to enhance guest experiences.
- Proactively identify and address any issues that could impact the guest experience, ensuring all visitors have an enjoyable and memorable time at the fair.
- Assist with the distribution of various materials throughout the week.
- Flexibility, you may be asked to complete tasks that aren't in your specific area of interest.
- Handle yourself professionally at all times during the CSF.

### **Agriculture Education Internship:**

- Monitor the So-Dak Ag Venture area during the Central States Fair.
- Lead hands-on activities that focus on agriculture education.
- Care and monitor animals in the Ag-Venture area.
- Support the creation of educational materials, including lesson plans, presentations, and informational brochures.
- Assist in the organization of the Mutton Bustin events.

### **Livestock Internship:**

- Assist with Pen of Three and Youth Livestock Shows at the Central States Fair.
- Assist with show duties (announcing, clerking, ring steward, gate person, registration, weigh-ins, etc.)
- Process shows entries, preparation of show materials, and enter results.
- Set up the show arenas and barns for the livestock shows.
- Assist in the organization of the Mutton Bustin events.

### **Marketing Internship**

- Assist with special events including planning and execution of the event.
- Compile and post results of all CSF events on CSF website and social media.
- Capture photos and videos of events at the Central State Fair.
- Communicate with vendors that are at the Central States Fair.
- Engage in customer and guest experience support both during the Central States Fair.

### **Event operations and Hospitality- Fair Time Only**

- Attend and assist with on-site event setups, management, and breakdowns.
- Provide on-site support during events during the fair, ensuring all activities run smoothly.
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Please submit through the online application, linked on page one.

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