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SETTING UP ACCOUNT

1. Go to www.dfpcareerportal.org and click Register



Connecting candidates from the Directorate Fellows Program who have acquired Direct Hire Authority status to hiring managers at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

2. Fill out 'Candidate' fields

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4. Scroll down to fill out 'Other Information'

Other Information

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Project Narrative *

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| Additiona | l Email | Address |
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5. Add additional information under 'My Information'

NOTE: DO NOT upload a resume, transcripts, etc. or any personally identifiable information (PII) onto this platform!

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Reminder: FWS will not activate a Fellow's portal page until:

1) all fields are complete,

2) ALL (undergrad and graduate) final, official transcripts along with a current resume have been submitted to hr_dfp@fws.gov, and

3) a <u>direct hire certificate</u> has been issued.

EXAMPLE 'MY PROFILE'



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| First Name * | Last Name * |
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| johndoe@gmail.com | |
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| Candidate Description | |
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Virginia. I am proud of my Appalachian roots and the values that come with it. I value hard work, dedication, and a sense of community, which are reflected in my interests and passions. I enjoy spending time hiking and exploring the outdoors, as well as volunteering with local non-profit organizations that support social and environmental causes. Additionally, I am interested in photography, creative writing, and have experience with graphic design and social media marketing. I am excited to bring my passion for community service, creativity, and strong work ethic to any potential employer in a role that aligns with my interests and skills.

My coursework in Environmental Studies and Communications at Shepherd University has equipped me with the comprehensive understanding of the environment and the skills necessary to effectively communicate complicated scientific concepts to diverse audiences.

I have experience volunteering with local non-profit organizations such as the Potomac Valley Audubon Society, where I worked as a field assistant on bird banding projects and helped to organize local birdwatching events. In addition, I have volunteered with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, assisting with stream and river cleanups, and participating in educational programs that promote environmental stewardship and conservation. These experiences have not only allowed me to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues but have also equipped me with valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and project management. I am eager to continue to support environmental causes and bring my skills and experience to future opportunities with organizations that align with my values.

EXAMPLE 'MY PROFILE' - continued

Other Information

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Project Narrative *

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| During my 11-week summer internship at the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service National Conservation Center, I gained valuable skills in science communication by working on success stories of alur Directorate Fellowship Program. Specifically, my responsibilities were to: | n Trainin nni of the | ıg ; |
| Conduct interviews with alumni of the Directorate Fellowship Program to create en effective success stories for communication on various platforms. | gaging ar | ıd |
| Develop and write content for communication materials such as newsletters, broch articles about the Fellowship Program alumni's successes. | ures, and | |
| Coordinate with the DFP team and provide support for program-related activities s recruitment, onboarding, and mentorship for current and prospective fellows. | uch as | |
| Manage social media accounts and a content calendar to promote DFP initiatives a success stories of the program alumni. | nd share | |
| Assist in the coordination and execution of events, including organizing speakers a arranging logistics for outreach events. | 1d guests | and |
| My experience allowed me to hone in on my interpersonal and communication skills by condu- interviews, writing 10 articles, and editing content. This internship ignited my passion for scien- communication and has cemented my desire to pursue a career in this field upon graduation. | ting 20+ 1ce | |
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EXAMPLE 'MY PROFILE' - continued

| Undergrad × | Biological Sciences / General Natural Resource × Management |
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| | Outreach / Education / Training / Visitor Services / Park × Ranger |
| | Public Affairs / Communications / Community Outreach / × External Affairs |
| | Project Management / Coordination / Partnerships × |
| Major or Area of Concentration? * | Direct Hire Eligibility End Date (2 yrs. from graduation date on transcripts) * |
| Environmental Studies | 3/15/2027 |
| Geographic areas of interest - Click here for Geographic Map of FWS Regions (You may select multiple regions) * | I am interested in permanent placement in a FWS position the following geographic locations (Please select all that apply) * |
| NCTC (National Conservation Training Center), × Shepherdstown WV | Rural location (10 - 25 miles from an urbanized area) × Urban or suburban location (within or less than 10 miles × |
| | from an urbanized area). Location Negotiable (If selected, you may be placed at a regional office, field office or approved for Remote Work at the discretion of management) |
| | Frontier locations (25 miles or more from an urbanized × area) |
| am interested in a placement in the following U.S. States and Territories * | Languages Spoken |
| West Virginia × | Please select if applicable |
| Additional Email Address | |
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EXAMPLE 'MY INFORMATION'



SEARCHING FOR POSITIONS

1. Click 'Placement Opportunities' and click on position title to learn more



2. Indicate your interest in 'Placement Opportunities' by clicking the Green Interest button the Candidate Button



protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The office provides professional, comprehensive services and support

3. Review Office of Personnel Management (OPM) webpage for more information about FWS position qualifications

For more information about FWS position qualifications, connect to the OPM - Federal webpage

Want to learn more about position and job series qualifications? Reach out to Matthew Kauffman at <u>hr_dfp@fws.gov</u>!