

Sterling College

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Sterling Farm Livestock Assistant

Sterling College seeks a part-time assistant in their livestock barns from January 1-June 30. The assistant will communicate directly with the Farm Manager to carry out timely farm maintenance and livestock care. Pay rate is \$12.50/hour.

Hours: (Average 15 hours per week)

- (5) mornings per week, chores and barn maintenance (5-8 hours per week)
- (1-2) half days per week (flexible): management check-in, barn tasks, record keeping, and/or supplies run (3-8 hours/week)
- Attend weekly Farm Operational meeting (1 hour)
- Periodic coverage of farm during break weeks. Hours TBD, but up to 14 per week.
- Weekend on-call coverage of farm (8-12 hours per semester)

Duties include:

- Maintain facilities that are aesthetically pleasing, hygienic, and functional.
- Monitor animal health and safety.
- Help develop efficient and effective work routines for animal care and facilities maintenance.
- Minor carpentry and repairs as needed.
- Monitor and maintain stocks of feed and other supplies, check backstocks, and pick up or order supplies as needed.
- Maintain communications among farm staff and students.
- Provide leadership and direction to student workers as needed, with an emphasis on creating an educationally stimulating and positive work environment.

Skills required:

Applicants must be self-directed, detail oriented, punctual, reliable, and efficient, with excellent communication skills. Experience working on farms, and with a diverse range of livestock types is required. Commitment to creating an educational and upbeat work environment is a must. It is also expected that you will maintain exemplary personal and professional boundaries in the workplace.

Position is open until filled. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume electronically to Gwyneth Harris, Farm Manager, at gharris@sterlingcollege.edu

About Sterling

Founded in 1958 in Craftsbury Common, Vermont, Sterling College is the leading voice in higher education for environmental stewardship. The College was among the first colleges in the United States to focus on the human relationship with the natural world through academic majors in Ecology, Environmental Humanities, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems, and Outdoor Education. Sterling is a baccalaureate degree-granting, non-sectarian, coeducational, residential institution of higher learning accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is one of only eight federally recognized Work Colleges in the nation.

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