Position # 00023483
4-H Youth Development / Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent I or II
Hamilton County (Northeast District) Jasper, FL
Application Deadline: 04/13/2007 or until filled

This position will be responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive and diverse educational programs in the areas of 4-H youth (60%) and Family and Consumer Science Programming - FCS (40%).

The 4-H/FCS position requires leadership for the development, implementation, maintenance, and evaluation of comprehensive county 4-H youth development and FCS programs in cooperation with local citizens and county/state Extension colleagues. The agent will be responsible for youth leadership and citizenship, volunteer recruitment, training, management, and evaluations/recognition. FCS program area responsibilities will be determined by an active advisory council in programs ranging from foods and nutrition, financial management, housing, consumer education, family development and related topics.

Other responsibilities include establishing a local advisory committee and working with agencies and organizations that are concerned with the needs and well-being of area families. The agent must have ability to work effectively with a diverse audience including minority, community leaders, media and the general public. The ability to work with community organizations, agencies and their leaders to develop collaborative programming is necessary.

Applicant must have excellent communication skills in writing, speaking, and use of computers; willingness to work irregular hours and occasional weekends; and maintain a valid Florida driver’s license.

The Agent will follow all Extension policies regarding program development and program reporting. The Agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the County Extension Director and District Extension Director. The incumbent will be expected to work with agencies/organizations to acquire grants (monetary/in-kind), assist/lead cooperative/interdisciplinary projects, provide service to schools, develop creative works (presentations, posters, website development, etc), write non-technical people-friendly publications, and participate in professional societies.

A Bachelor’s degree in youth development, education in the human sciences, family and consumer sciences, human ecology, family resource management or closely related field is required. A master’s degree is preferred. Degrees must be from accredited colleges and universities. Agent must make significant progress toward a master’s degree within five years. This is a permanent status accruing position. The agent will be expected to attain promotion and permanent status per state faculty guidelines. The successful candidate must pass physical examinations and background checks as required by Hamilton county and the University of Florida.