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Mississippi State University - Undergraduate Equine Internships **6 Unique Opportunities**

Show Horse Exhibitor Internship Details

The Show Horse Exhibitor Internship at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is designed to provide participants the opportunity to ride and show a flat-shod Tennessee Walking Horse (TWH) and/or Spotted Saddle Horse (SSH) aged horse, weanling or yearling. This is a position which requires routine, repetitive riding/conditioning of the assigned show horse(s) (four hours per day/five days per week is preferred). This position requires teamwork, physical strength and stamina (especially during the hot summer and fall), careful attention to detail plus the ability to stay calm under pressure. Applicants for this position **MUST** be coachable and follow the instruction provided. Typical show season runs from April through November.

The **Show Horse Exhibitor Intern** will be assigned tasks to include, but not limited to the following:

- Tack up, ride, cool down and untack assigned show horse(s)
- Study and follow the rule book of the related horse association where horse(s) will be shown
- Watch videos related to the division in which horse(s) will be shown
- Clean and maintain assigned tack (personal tack is welcome upon approval for assigned horse)
- Participate in local and/or out-of-town/state shows (TBD)
- Work with farrier by exhibiting current gait and/or describing any potential gait issues for assigned horse(s)
- Work with dentist and describe any bit-related issues
- Work with other interns as needed
- Other duties as assigned (eg. feed horse(s) if scheduled at feeding time)

Desired applicants will have a strong foundation in riding and groundwork basics including requiring horse to have ground manners, lead, park out, lunge and calmly trail ride. Experience in the show ring and/or with the TWH is a major plus. Applicant must have a strong desire to learn regardless of their level of experience, because no matter how long or how much exposure one has, something new and/or different may always be learned. Ride & Show interns are expected to bring their own personal training equipment (helmet, boots, clothing, work gloves, insect repellent, sunscreen, water/beverage bottle and snack, etc.). Tack/training tools will be provided, but training interns are encouraged to bring his/her own (subject to approval - eg. many quarter horse saddles do not fit a TWH). Most of our saddles are a 15-16 inch western; however, we do have a couple of saddle seat saddles. We typically show in western divisions and have 16 inch show saddles and tack that will be available during shows; however, the student is encouraged to bring his own show gear, if available. If a size other than 16" is needed, we will work with the student for a solution. We have a small supply of show apparel that may be leased for a minimal fee.

Minimum qualifications include:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be a self-starter with willingness to learn and possess good communication skills
- Must adapt to practices and follow procedures of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC
- Must be responsible, accountable and focused while working (not on cell phone or otherwise distracted)
- Must be willing to sign confidentiality agreement and liability waiver
- Must be willing to cover all horse show expenses (entry/stall fees, gas, hauling, meals, lodging, etc.)

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience in riding (Western or English)
- Experience/exposure in ground-working (manners, leading, lunging, etc.)
- Experience/exposure in the show ring
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds

Desired additional qualifications include:

- Knowledge and understanding of the TWH and its gaits
- Experience in riding, showing or trail riding the TWH (or other breed)
- Knowledge of proper trimming and shoeing of the TWH

NOTE: Currently, photography and videography is allowed but **must be approved** by Seven Oaks Farms, LLC before sharing on social media, using within a resume, project, etc. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the immediate termination of internship and possible legal action for any damages caused to the reputation of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC, its members or its employees.