

NextGen Volunteer Student Service Program

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The William J. Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC) is the nation's premier air transportation laboratories and delivers superior technical capabilities. Our capabilities include research and development, verification and validation, test and evaluation, and sustainment of the FAA's full spectrum of aviation systems. The Center specializes in sustaining and modernizing air traffic control automation, communications, surveillance, navigation, traffic flow management, and weather systems; and supports advancements in airport and aircraft safety, human factors, and separation standards.

The WJHTC has an opportunity for students to gain some experience in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) by becoming a part of this dynamic industry through the FAA Volunteer Student Service Program (VSSP). VSSP provides students with an opportunity to obtain unpaid, on-the-job work experience, career exploration, develop work ethics, and learn the Federal mission.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a United States Citizen;
- Must meet the minimum age allowed for Federal employment, which is 16, as described in OPM's regulations on child labor at 5 CFR 551.601;
- Be actively enrolled not less than half-time in a qualifying educational institution (current high school juniors and college/university students in their sophomore, junior or senior year);
- Be nominated by your educational institution;
- Sign and comply with the conditions of the volunteer student service agreement. This must also be signed by the academic institution; and
- Comply with the FAA personnel security requirements which will include being fingerprinted.

Salary and Benefits:

This is an unpaid work experience program therefore VSSP participants are not entitled to salary, benefits or any other reimbursement or payment. The selected participants are not considered as Federal employees other than for purposes of Federal tort claims arising as a result of student participation, or for injuries sustained during the performance of work assignments under worker's compensation claims.

How to Apply:

Submit a resume, unofficial transcript (official transcript will be required, if selected), and a letter of recommendation from the educational institution.

All documents may be submitted by mail, fax or email to:

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