

# Kentucky Natural Lands Trust Seeks Forest Steward August 2016

## Overview

Kentucky Natural Lands Trust (KNLT) is looking for an individual to join our staff as a Forest Steward. The Steward will perform management, upkeep, and education services related to KNLT's forest properties and partner nature preserves.

## **Background**

KNLT is a statewide land trust based in Berea, Kentucky, committed to preserving the state's remaining wildlands. Efforts began with the preservation of Blanton Forest, expanded to the Pine Mountain Wildlands Corridor, and now include a range of conservation projects. KNLT uses a wide variety of tools to conserve natural areas and to work with forest landowners.

#### **Position Description**

This position will conduct trail maintenance and monitoring at KNLT and partners preserves within the Pine Mountain Wildlands Corridor. The Steward will provide educational, outreach and development services including assisting with hikes, events, and informational pieces such as social media posts and maps. This position will act as liaison between KNLT and the local community and will recruit and manage volunteers. The Steward will assist with conducting biological inventories for management plans and developing monitoring reports for preserves.

## **Minimum Qualifications and Characteristics**

- Minimum of bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, natural resource management, forestry or related field
- Ability to communicate well with staff, visitors and community groups
- Knowledge of GPS and GIS technology and related computer skills
- Knowledge of natural systems, forestry principles and biological identification
- Valid drivers license and experience operating both full size and utility vehicles
- Experience performing strenuous physical outdoor work using hand-held equipment

### **Additional Information**

The position salary range is \$30,000 - \$35,000 and includes excellent benefits. Although KNLT's office is located in Berea, KY, this position is based on Pine Mountain in southeastern Kentucky. KNLT is an equal opportunity employer.

Please e-mail your resume, a short writing sample, three references and a cover letter specifically explaining why you are a good fit for this position to hiring@knlt.org. Applications will be reviewed and considered until position is filled.