

DEEP SPRINGS

DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA

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The Farm and Mechanic's Assistant is appointed by the President of Deep Springs and is directly responsible to the Ranch Manager. The Farm and Mechanic's Assistant role is to support and assist the Ranch Manager in operation of the College's agricultural programs. Specific tasks and priorities will be determined by the Ranch Manager.

The Farm and Mechanic's Assistant must have the experience and skills necessary to independently carry out all tasks listed below. In addition, her/his work with the students is important. The Farm and Mechanic's Assistant both works with and teaches students, with the goal of strengthening their capacities to carry responsibility in the areas of labor assigned and the efficient operation of the farm, consistent with the goals of the College and the Ranch. All students work at least 20 hours per week in positions throughout the College, including a crew of three to five students on the farm.

The Farm and Mechanic's Assistant carries out the following responsibilities, with the help of student labor under the direction of the Ranch Manager:

- Operate, maintain, and perform repairs to trucks, tractors, and implements
- Operate, maintain, and repair pumps, plumbing, irrigation lines, and sprinklers
- Assist in training assigned Student Body laborers
- Assist in infrastructure repair and maintenance of the Ranch, Farm, and College
- Perform all tasks consistently with the College's Injury and Illness Prevention Program and responsibly work to enhance that program
- Other duties as assigned by the Ranch Manager

Participating in the Deep Springs community outside of the farm operations, as described in the Staff Personnel Policy.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION: [Deep Springs College](#) is a private, nonsectarian, fully accredited two-year college program for academically gifted young people, located on a small cattle-and-alfalfa ranch in a beautiful, remote area of the White Mountains on the California-Nevada border. 26-30 students attend. The program combines rigorous academic coursework with 20-25 hours of physical labor each week. Students milk cows, wash dishes, assist in the office, cook, clean, harvest alfalfa, and tend cattle, horses and gardens. All members of the Deep Springs community—the students, faculty, staff, president, and resident families—live on-site and take part in fostering and developing community life, at the same time respecting each others' need for privacy.

Deep Springs is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, religion, age, or disability

The college is located in California's Eastern Sierra region on Highway 168, 26 miles east of Big Pine, California, 11 miles from the Nevada state line. Death Valley National Park, Yosemite National Park, Mono Lake, and the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest are all within a few hours' drive. Los Angeles is a 5-hour drive away, Las Vegas is 4 hours; the San Francisco Bay Area is 7-8 hours depending on the season.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: For additional information, visit www.deepsprings.edu. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to staffsearch@deepsprings.edu.