



Eastern Oregon Conservation Corps

Home Hardening & Wildfire Mitigation Construction Internship

Malheur Works Program | Summer 2026

Compensation:	\$17.00 per hour
Duration:	June 5, 2026 – August 7, 2026 (9 weeks)
Positions:	6 Student Internship Positions
Location:	Malheur County, Oregon (various work sites in Vale, Ontario, Nyssa, Huntington, Jordan Valley, and surrounding areas)
Employer:	Frontier STEM Hub – Malheur Education Service District

Position Overview

The Frontier STEM Hub, in partnership with the Eastern Oregon Workforce Board, is seeking 6 motivated student interns to participate in a paid workforce development program focused on home hardening and wildfire mitigation. This hands-on opportunity provides valuable construction skills training while serving veterans and senior citizens in our community.

What You'll Do

Interns will work as part of a trained crew performing critical wildfire mitigation and home hardening projects for vulnerable community members, including:

- Install fire-resistant roofing materials
- Apply fire-resistant siding to homes
- Create defensible space around structures
- Remove ladder fuels from trees and vegetation
- Conduct home wildfire risk assessments
- Learn proper safety protocols and construction techniques

All work is supervised by credentialed construction educators and under the direction of a licensed construction contractor.

What You'll Gain

Certifications & Credentials

- Industry recognized certifications
- College credits through Treasure Valley Community College Cooperative Work Experience (Natural Resources)

Professional Skills

- Hands-on construction and carpentry experience
- Wildfire mitigation and natural resource management knowledge
- Workplace safety training
- Teamwork and leadership development
- Career exploration in construction and natural resources fields

Eligibility Requirements

Must meet ALL of the following:

- Graduated from high school or GED equivalent (Class of 2026)
- Resident of Malheur County, Oregon
- Ages 17–19
- Able to work outdoors in various weather conditions
- Able to perform physical labor (lifting, climbing, working at heights)
- Reliable transportation to daily work site meetings

Preferred Qualifications:

- Interest in construction, natural resources, or skilled trades
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Strong work ethic and willingness to learn

Working Conditions

- Outdoor work in summer weather conditions
- Physical demands include lifting materials, climbing ladders, working at heights, and extended periods of standing/walking
- Work performed at residential properties throughout Malheur County
- Monday through Friday work schedule (typical)
- Tools and safety equipment provided

Program Partners

This program is made possible through partnerships with:

Eastern Oregon Workforce Board – Eastern Oregon Conservation Corp
Malheur Works/Frontier STEM Hub – Malheur ESD
Eastern Oregon CTE Consortium

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