

# KENNEBEC LAND TRUST

## 2012 RONALD JOSEPH SUMMER INTERNSHIP

<http://www.tklt.org/Internship.htm>

### About the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)

The Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) works cooperatively with landowners and communities to conserve the forests, shorelands, fields, and wildlife that define central Maine.

KLT:

- conserves land permanently
- offers opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the natural world
- works with partners to support sustainable forestry and farming.

Established by local citizens in 1988, KLT has since partnered with private landowners and communities in 21 towns to conserve more than 4,000 acres on 50 properties through donations, purchases, and conservation easements. With the assistance of ecologists, foresters, and drinking water specialists, KLT has developed a Strategic Conservation Plan for our 412,000 acre service region.

KLT seeks to engage the public in conversation about conservation by organizing education and outreach events that encourage residents and visitors to learn about and enjoy Kennebec County's natural landscape. Our 28 miles of trails feature shorelines, streams, fens, vernal pools, woodlands, and fields. In 2010 KLT co-founded the Kennebec Woodland Partnership, a private and public landowner forestland conservation initiative in Kennebec County.

### Internship Description

KLT is seeking summer interns to work on trail maintenance and construction, surveying, invasive plant control, educational programming, and general office work such as writing press releases and sending out mailings. Interested applicants should be willing to learn basic plant identification skills, be able to perform physically demanding field work, be comfortable multi-tasking in the office, and have an interest in land conservation.

### Independent Research Opportunities

In addition to our Summer Internship Program, KLT provides opportunities for students to conduct independent research focused on wildlife and plant ecology, land use history, and conservation and resource management. This summer we are specifically looking for students to conduct studies focused on 1) the social, agricultural, and land use patterns of a historic Town Farm in Readfield, Maine 2) the ecological functions and characteristics of mature growth forests 3) the economic and conservation benefits of a local woods market. In addition to these topics, we welcome other project proposals.

Students' studies have the potential to enhance KLT's educational offerings, and to inform property management plans and our Strategic Conservation Plan.

KLT will help students frame research questions and identify properties on which to conduct research. We ask that students work with an advisor from their college or university on their independent projects, and that they submit a final report to KLT upon completion of their summer research.

**Rate of pay:** Internships with KLT are unpaid. Interns and students conducting independent research projects are encouraged to apply for grant funding or work study funds from their college or university to compensate their time with KLT. KLT will provide mileage at IRS rate for summer interns. Housing is not provided.

**Hours:** Flexible hours; 25-40 hours a week; May/June-August; some weeks will consist of more work hours than others.

**Qualifications:**

- minimum of one year of college, with preference to students working towards degrees in education, environmental science, biology, land surveying or related degree (or equivalent experience); other majors will be considered
- ability to work independently and as part of a team
- strong organizational and time management skills
- ability to perform moderately strenuous manual labor

- comfortable working outside
- valid drivers license

**To apply:** Please send a cover letter, resume, and list of two references to the address below by March 18, 2012. Both academic and prior work references are accepted.

**Date posted:** January 18, 2012

**For additional information please contact:**

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