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Archbold plant ecology research assistantships accepting applications

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VENUS — Are you a junior or senior Highlands County high school student looking for something to do this summer? Archbold Biological Station expects funding from the National Science Foundation to employ two Highlands County High School students for a part-time summer research assistantship that will start in June and run

through August.

“This is an experiential learning position,” stated Stacy Smith, Research Assistant of the Plant Ecology Program and coordinator of the High School Research Assistantship at Archbold. “Training will be done ‘on the job’.”

Students will work mostly outdoors performing such tasks as identifying rare plants and vegetation, measuring and counting plants, searching areas for new plant occurrences, collecting plant and soil samples. In addition, students will also enter data, participate in discussions on scientific literature, work with the summer youth camp, and implement an independent project.

How do past HSRA students feel about this program? Previous recipient Michelle LaFave from Sebring High School says she benefited from many aspects of the HSRA program and found that “working at Archbold prepared me for working in research at the university level.” Whitney Hummel said the program laid “a great foundation for entering the college world.”

Qualifications to apply are an interest in environmental science, and completion of the Junior or Senior year by summer 2015.

To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume along with two recommendation letters from teachers or guidance counselors to Stacy Smith (ssmith@archbold-station.org), Archbold Biological Station, 123 Main Drive, Venus, FL 33960.

The deadline is March 2, 2015. For more information call 863-465-2571 ext. 240, or visit <http://www.archbold-station.org/html/research/plant/hrsa.html>.

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