The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. To accomplish its mission, the Service employs America’s best biologists, wildlife managers, engineers, Realty specialists, law enforcement agents, and others who work to save endangered and threatened species; conserve migratory birds and inland fisheries; and manage more than 700 offices and field stations.

The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP/COOP) is designed to recruit and train degree-seeking students for permanent jobs in professional, administrative, and technical Fish and Wildlife Service positions. Students are given the opportunity to work in fields such as fishery biology, wildlife biology, wildlife refuge management, general fish and wildlife administration, law enforcement, forestry, environmental education, outdoor recreation, and ecological services. Positions may also be available in Engineering, Contracting and General Services, Budget and Finance, and Computers/Information Management Resources. The program is designed for students to combine their studies with a variety of practical work experiences in our regional office, national fish hatcheries, national wildlife refuges and ecological field stations. Each work experience is related as closely as possible to the student’s educational program and career goals in order to provide a professional career-related on-the-job experience.

Eligibility
A student must be at least 16 years of age; be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate at a technical/vocational school; two or four-year college or university, graduate or professional school; be a U.S. citizen (or a lawfully admitted resident alien absent qualified citizens); and be taking at least a half-time course load as defined by the school. The student should be in good standing with the academic institution & maintain the GPA requirements of the school.

The SCEP program accepts students enrolled in undergraduate studies, Master’s programs, and PhD programs. Graduating students must submit a letter of acceptance from his/her college or university saying they have been accepted into a Masters or PhD program. Undergraduate students enrolled in the SCEP may continue in the program if they provide a letter of acceptance into a Masters or PhD program.

Application Process
A student must submit (1) a resume, (2) an up-to-date unofficial college transcript, and (3) a letter from their University’s Cooperative Education Coordinator stating the following: the student is eligible to participate in the school’s Cooperative Education program, the student is in good academic standing (undergraduates must have, and maintain, a 2.5 GPA to participate in the program), and provide the degree program, major of the student, and expected graduation date. Applications are due by December 15, 2003 for the 2004 SCEP Program.

Mail applications to the attention of Southeast Region SCEP Coordinator, Diversity and Civil Rights, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 230, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at 404/679 7077.

SCEP Responsibilities
The student must sign a working agreement and complete at least 640 hours of full time career-related work with the Service before graduation. Federal Government SCEP Benefits: students are eligible for health and life insurance, leave accrual, and retirement opportunities.

Employment Policy
The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified candidates will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation.