



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

**POSITION, TITLE, SERIES, and GRADE:**  
Plant Protection & Quarantine Aid/Technician  
**GS-0421-03/04:**  
    **GS-0421-03: \$17.35**  
    **GS-0421-04: \$17.70**

**RECRUITMENT NO: MSPHD-022**  
**OPENING DATE: Immediately**

**CLOSING DATE: March 14<sup>st</sup> or Until Filled.**  
(More than one position will be filled in Helena/Billings.)

**PROMOTIONAL POTENTIAL: NONE**  
**LOCATION OF POSITION:**  
**USDA, APHIS**  
**Plant Protection and Quarantine**  
**Billings and Helena, Montana**

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**Applications are being accepted from the general public for the following position:**

Temporary, full-time position. GS level received will be determined by experience, educational credits in the Biological Sciences, and position availability. Employees will work during summer months, mid-May to August/September 2025. Interviews will begin February 24th. **Please submit applications before February 24th.** After February 24th, please call the number above to inquire about potential vacancies.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants for this position must have a high school education. Secondary course work and/or experience in Biological Sciences is preferred but is not required. A valid Driver's License and background check are required.

**DUTIES:** Duties may include placing and servicing insect traps, collecting insects with nets and by hand, visually surveying for grasshoppers and other pests, and possible application of pesticides for grasshopper suppression activities. Maintaining and submitting accurate records is a must. Data will be gathered with handheld devices and on paper. A majority of the work involves **frequent** extended overnight travel away from Billings/Helena (Mon. - Thurs.) While in official travel status, a government vehicle will be provided, hotel expenses are paid by employer, and meals will be reimbursed. Most of the duties require working independently, without direct supervision, often in rural areas.

**TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit a resume or OF 612 (*Optional Application for Federal Employment*), and a copy of school transcripts if applicable. **Please indicate on your resume if you are applying for a position in Billings, Helena, or either.**

Mail or email your completed resume or OF 612 to the contact office listed above. Be sure to include your e-mail address. Call if you have questions.

All males born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service Board. Applicants selected for Federal positions will be required to complete a background information form before entering on duty.

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED**

**THE ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPOTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**Use of postage paid agency envelopes in filing applications is a violation of federal law and will disqualify you for consideration.**