



## **American Bald Eagle Foundation Shirley Internship – Education**

**Environmental**

**Hours per week:** 40

**Compensation:** Housing, twice per month stipend (\$500), travel provided

The American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) is a 501c3 nonprofit nature center in Haines, Alaska. The natural history museum features over 200 specimens that represent Southeast Alaska's natural, geological, and cultural history. The raptor center is home to 6 birds of prey who live and work on display. Our mission is the preservation of the bald eagle and its habitat through education, stewardship, and research. The museum and raptor center collections help us achieve this mission by giving our guests up-close and personal experiences with wildlife and wild places. The Shirley internship program is funded by an endowment from one of our founders, Ed Shirley.

Environmental Education interns support the Foundation by performing many daily operational duties. Outdoor education work is often dirty and difficult. Successful candidates will have a strong desire to teach and share their knowledge of and enthusiasm for the natural world. A background in education or environmental sciences is helpful but not necessary.

On a daily basis, interns are responsible for:

- Educational programming (formal and informal)
  - Implementing program curriculum for guests of all ages
  - Leading public natural and cultural history talks
- Back of house cleaning and maintenance
- Admissions/reception duties
- Live animal care, including diet preparation, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, enrichment creation and delivery
- Other tasks as assigned by the Intern Manager

You must be able to:

- Lift up to 50 lbs
- Work in extreme heat or cold
- Worked with deceased prey items
- Work safely with birds of prey
- Work safely with taxidermy
- Work occasional nights and weekends