



Summer High School Work Program 2026
Made possible by community mentors and the Hooper Institute
Application for Employment
Due April 17th

Name _____ Telephone _____

Street address _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Personal e-mail (mandatory) _____

Parent email (optional) _____

Date of birth _____ age _____

Pronouns you use _____

By completing this application you attest to having no previous criminal history

Circle year of school you will be entering in the fall: 9 10 11 12

Application Questions:

Which of the Hooper Institute's subject areas are you most intrigued by, explain why?
(agriculture, environmental science, botany, forestry, soils)

Which of the Hooper Institute's subject areas are you least intrigued by, explain why?
(agriculture, environmental science, botany, forestry, soils)

Work experiences: Who have you worked for? When? What did you do?

Special training/skills/licenses (For example: First Aid or CPR)

List any relevant experiences in agriculture, natural sciences, and environmental studies (Jobs, volunteer work, 4-H, or high school classes) Do you have strong interest in farming, gardening, or working with younger students?

Health: Do you have any physical conditions or learning challenges we should know about before we place you?

References: Please note relatives may not be used as references.

Name	Address	Phone	Years known
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Summer Hours:

Hours: We can pay for up to 120 hours of work during the summer. Please consider your family schedule for vacation time, sports commitments, camps, parental visitations, etc. How many hours do you realistically project being able to work? This will help us accommodate the most number of students in the work schedule, and will not be to your disadvantage to disclose.

Circle one: 60 hours 80 hours 100 hours 120 hours

Work Roles:

Landscaper/Gardener: These workers will be gardening in the raised beds and high tunnel of the Walpole schools. In addition to landscaping at the Hooper Institute. Daily work often includes weeding, watering, and harvesting. The landscaping may also include brush clearing, pruning, and trail maintenance.

Hooper Institute Camp Counselor: A counselor may work at one or several of the camps we offer for students. Our morning camp runs in the morning with younger students from the primary schools for 8 days total. Morning camp involves games, crafting, and playing outside. We will offer a week-long adventure camp for grades 5-8th, hiking around Walpole. Counselors at adventure camp are expected to use their own leadership skills to ensure campers are safe outdoors. There's also a woodworking camp with students 5-8th. For a week, campers will build projects using hand tools only. It is highly encouraged that wood camp counselors have taken a shop class at the high school.

Farm Worker: There are several working farms in Walpole that are interested in having student workers. The dairy farms look for students who are comfortable working with cows and heifers. A horse farm in Walpole is looking for students to help clean stalls and feed horses. Farming involves problem-solving, planning ahead, and physical labor. It can be both rewarding and smelly!

Which would you prefer the most? Which would be your second option? Why so, explain?

Essay:

Write or type (preferred) a corresponding response on a separate document

Essay for 1st year applicants: Please write a 1 page essay telling us why you would like to apply for the Hooper Institute Summer Work Program. Explain what interests you about farming and gardening, or environmental science. What do you hope to learn? Which of the Hooper Institute's subject areas are you most intrigued by? (agriculture, environmental science, botany, forestry, soils).

Essay for 2nd year or more applicants: Please write a one page essay in response to these questions. As a returning student, what beneficially impacted your previous experience the most? Write about a time you had success, and a time when you felt challenged? What did you learn from both?

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

I am a legal resident of the Town of Walpole (circle one) **yes** **no**

Mail application (deadline is April 17) to the Hooper Institute, PO Box 135, Walpole, NH 03608 or drop off anytime at 165 Prospect Hill Road

Or email...
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