



The Mid-Columbia Basin Old Natural Education Sciences (MCBONES) Research Center Foundation is a non-profit educational organization established in September 2008 to provide local Tri-Cities, Washington school students and teachers an opportunity to actively participate in laboratory and field-based research in paleontology, geology, paleoecology, and other natural sciences.

The Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site is the keystone site of the MCBONES Research Center Foundation.

The Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site Research Team encourages interested, qualified students to apply for intern positions. These positions are intended to be six-month-long assignments generally beginning about March 1 (just before field season begins) and ending about August 31 (just before the school year starts), but may be extended upon request.

Applications are suggested to be submitted by **February 1** to ensure consideration for the upcoming field season.

### **MCBONES Student Internship (MSI) Program**

Applicants should:

- be currently enrolled in a recognized educational program (preference may be given to juniors or seniors in high school in Benton, Franklin or Walla Walla Counties).
- have a respectable grade point average (GPA) (preference may be given to those with a 3.0 GPA or higher).
- show a strong interest in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) and have taken courses that will support understanding of their internship project.
- have transportation to and from the assigned work site.
- be punctual, enthusiastic, pay attention to detail and behave professionally.
- have strong recommendations, leadership ability, illustrate interests outside their primary academic pursuits and show interest in pursuing academic degrees or careers in one or more STEM disciplines.
- complete the agreed upon project and present its results before their project committee and if recommended by the committee, to present the results at an approved scientific conference.

MCBONES Research Center Foundation will:

- assign a mentor to successful applicants, who will work with the applicant to define a suitable project and project committee.
- cover the expense of student registration fees for the above science conference and possibly other related expenses.
- provide successful interns with a letter recognizing their accomplishments relative to their assigned project.

**The completed application packet for the MSI Program will include:**

- ***Student Application Form.*** Completed with typed responses to questions 1-4.
- ***Principal/Guidance Official Evaluation Form.*** Signed and accompanied by student transcript.
- ***Three Letters of Recommendation.*** The letters must be separate from the above forms. They should be from teachers, coaches or community members who are familiar with the applicant.



## Student Application Form

Please print neatly in black ink.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School where Currently Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to declare a college major today, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

The remainder of your application describes experiences and activities that help us better understand you, your background, aspirations and potential for success.

Type your responses to the following on separate pages. Ensure that your name is at the top of each page. Incomplete packages may not be considered.

**1. Academics:**

- A. Describe the nature of your academic involvement during your past school years.
- B. Have you taken Honors or Advanced Placement classes or attended Science Camps?
- C. List any academic honors or awards that you have received relative to your school experience.

**2. Enrichment Activities:**

- A. School Service: Explain any student leadership responsibilities. This might include committee work, offices or leadership positions you have held.
- B. Community Service: Describe any volunteer work you've performed with youth, social, civic or faith groups.
- C. Enhanced Learning: List any non-academic activities such as art, sports, music, drama, debate, etc.
- D. Applied Learning: Describe other learning experiences or activities. This might include paid employment, internships and research projects (science fair, etc.) in which you might have participated.

**3. Future Plans:**

Briefly state your career objectives and how this internship may contribute toward achieving those objectives.

**4. Character:**

- A. Describe an experience in your life that either demonstrates your character or helped shape your character.
- B. Write about someone or something that is important to you.



## School Principal/Guidance Official Evaluation Form

MCBONES Research Center Foundation offers qualified students a unique opportunity to work as an intern with experienced scientists and volunteers to complete a project of paleoecologic importance and to present the finished product to the project committee and, if appropriate, at a scientific conference. Your feedback is extremely important in helping the selection committee evaluate this student for a possible internship at the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Name and Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student's cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Scores (Verbal/Math): \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please provide a copy of this student's transcript.
- If honors and Advanced Placement courses are not identified on the transcript, please provide a list of all such courses completed by this student.
- Please provide any comments that may be helpful for the selection committee.