



Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program

INTERN APPLICATION GUIDE

The Career

Municipal administration is a rewarding career that takes a special kind of person. A municipal administrator enjoys dealing with people, wants to make a significant impact in their community, and is of the highest integrity and professionalism.

Duties of an administrator are varied and interesting, and as an intern you will work under the authority of provincial legislation and direction of the host municipality's council. Some work areas include managing municipal operations and services, elections, revenues and expenditures of the municipality, bylaws, planning and development, interpreting and applying legislation, maintaining good communications and public relations, assessment and taxation, financial records and budgeting.

As a testament to this vocation, many administrators have chosen to stay in the profession for more than 30 years. Certified municipal administrator salaries vary by municipality and experience, and can range from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Internship

Placements will be 52-week paid positions in a municipal office located in a rural area in Saskatchewan.

As an intern, you must be interested in a career in municipal administration, prefer to work in an office, enjoy meeting people and would like to make your home in the neighborly atmosphere of a rural community. You will experience life in a community that cares and is welcoming and will gain work experience in all core areas of municipal administration.

If this sounds like your ideal career, we welcome your application and look forward to having you as part of this exciting initiative.

Benefits of being a municipal administrator Intern include:

- 52-weeks of employment, with a minimum salary of \$36,000;
- An opportunity to learn about local government;
- More than 1,500 hours of work experience which, when combined with the Local Government Administration Program, would meet the certification requirements of the Rural Board of Examiners; and
- A chance to experience being a leader in a community, with a promising career at the outset.

Selection Criteria

You **MUST** meet the following minimum eligibility criteria to be considered for an internship position:

- Not currently employed as a municipal administrator or assistant administrator;
- Completed at least some post-secondary education or relevant work experience in the areas of Local Government Authority, Commerce, Administration, or Public Administration;
- Be willing to complete the Local Government Authority Program through the University of Regina (if necessary) to meet the requirements of the Rural Board of Examiners;
- Have a desire to experience and learn the core functions of a municipality;
- Be bondable; and
- Be willing to relocate to host municipality, if necessary.

Other applicable experience or attributes:

- Work or volunteer experience that is related to the skills needed in municipal administration; and
- Personal ties or experience living and working in a rural community.

How to Apply

- The Program accepts applications on an ongoing basis.
- To apply for an internship placement, complete and submit the Intern Application Form below.

Selection Process

- Intern applications will be evaluated by a committee consisting of officials from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association.
- Approved Intern Applicants will be notified by the committee when their application is approved. A list of Approved Interns is shared with RMs that have been approved to host an intern.
- Approved host RMs can then contact interns they are interested in interviewing for an internship in their RM.
- Interns should indicate any preferences for location of a placement in their application form.
- While every intern may not be matched with their first choice, every effort possible will be made to ensure interns are in a suitable location.

Note: Internship placements do not necessarily guarantee a position at the end of the 52-week term.

More Information

Visit our website at <http://sarm.ca/programs/sarm-programs/maip> or contact:

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Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program ***INTERN APPLICATION FORM***

Please include this document with your application package.

To apply for an internship placement, complete the following sections as part of your application package. Be sure to include all supporting documentation.

Note: Incomplete packages may not be considered.

Information to include in application package:

- Contact information;
- Cover letter and resume;
- Transcripts from most recent or post-secondary institutions attended (photocopies are acceptable); and
- 3 letters of reference (e.g. character, work/volunteer, education).

Note: A criminal record check may be requested.

Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Cover Letter

In 3 pages or less please outline how you meet each of the selection criteria listed in the Intern Application Guide. It should also include information about:

- Your connection to rural Saskatchewan, or your interest in exploring a career as a municipal administrator;
- Your long-term career goals and objectives;
- Why you think you should be chosen as an intern; and
- If chosen, where are your preferred locations in the province

Resume

Your resume should contain information regarding:

- Current contact information (address, phone, email)
- Your educational background
- Previous work experience
- Relevant skills and attributes; and
- Other information that may be of interest to a potential host municipality.

Transcripts

Please include transcripts from your most recent, or post-secondary education institutions attended.

Your transcripts will provide potential host municipalities with your course marks and the types of courses taken that may be relevant to municipal administration.

Unofficial transcripts, such as photocopies, will be acceptable.

Letters of Reference

Please include **3** personal letters of reference (e.g. character, work/volunteer, education) in your application package.

Your letters of reference should be written specifically for the Internship Program, be relatively current and can be from any source.

Reference letters provide an additional way for host municipalities to verify and assess your skills and personal attributes.

Submit your completed application package to:

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