

Bird Center of Michigan 2026 Internship Application

ADDRESS: 7800 Platt Rd, Saline, MI — PHONE: (734) 761-9640 — EMAIL: clinic@birdcentermi.org

Please send completed application and requested documents to: clinic@birdcentermi.org

Contact Information			
Name:			
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone:			
Email Address:			
Emergency Contact:	Name:	Relationship:	Phone:

Internship Availability	
Between what dates are you available:	
List dates you will NOT be available:	
Full-time (35 hrs per week, five 7 hr shifts) or part time (21 hrs per week, three 7 hour shifts):	

Training Mid to Late April. Most interns start at the beginning of May and work through Mid to Late August. Fall opportunities may be available

Education and Experience	
High School:	
College/University:	
Concentration (Major/Minor):	
List any relevant coursework, certifications, licenses:	
Are you eligible for college credit?:	
Related Experience:	
Hobbies and/or Interests:	

Internship Questionnaire

Do you have any concerns working with live insects such as worms, crickets, beetles, flies?

Do you have any concerns regarding the euthanasia process?

Are you comfortable answering phones and speaking with the public?

Do you have reliable transportation to and from work?

Are you willing to provide up to date tetanus shot records?

Where did you hear about our internship opportunity?

Describe why you chose to apply at the Bird Center of Michigan
Word Count 250 Max

What would you like to learn during this internship?

What is your favorite bird species and why?

References (Academic or Professional)		
Name	Occupation	Phone or Email



Thank you for completing this application and for your interest in interning with us at the Bird Center of Michigan. In order to be considered, please submit this completed application and resume to: clinic@birdcentermi.org.

Signature

Name

Date

****To apply for the True Blue Internship Award, please continue this application below.****

True Blue Internship Award

The True Blue Internship Award is generously funded by dedicated donors. The Award provides two interns with enhanced funds for the summer internship program. By offering this award, the Bird Center and its donors hope to assist in removing financial barriers for individuals interested in a career with wildlife and create equitable access to high-quality wildlife education, fostering future leaders in avian care and conservation at the Bird Center of Michigan.

What is required of True Blue Internship Award recipients?

- Award recipients must commit to working full-time at the Bird Center of Michigan for at least 14 weeks and at most 16 weeks of the summer.
- Award recipients must complete a summer long project that is aligned with their professional interests and career goals.
- Award recipients must present their summer long project to the BCM Board of Directors at the end of the internship.
- Award recipients must complete an end of internship reflection.

Who is eligible to apply for this award?

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in a career in wildlife, conservation, environmental science, veterinary medicine, zoology, biology, or related fields, as shown through their resume, transcript, and essays.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

What is included in the True Blue Internship Award?

- The award recipient will be paid minimum wage at \$13.73/hr (*as compared to the \$150/week intern stipend*) for at least 14 weeks and at most 16 weeks of the summer. Full time hours are required and are considered 35hr/week.
- The award recipient will receive funds to pay for one International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council course (typically the Foundations of Wildlife Rehab Course) or another course of equal or lesser value.

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- I acknowledge what is required of the True Blue Internship Award Recipient
 - I meet the eligibility requirements for the True Blue Internship Award

Name printed and signature :

True Blue Internship Award

Essay Prompts:

Please explain your interest in a career working with wildlife or in a related field. Discuss any academic, volunteer, research, or personal experiences that have influenced this path, and describe your long-term professional goals.

Describe an idea for a summer project you would like to complete during your time at the Bird Center of Michigan. (This does not mean your project described here is set in stone, we are open to many ideas).

Please provide a statement of financial need.

True Blue Internship Award

Please use this checklist to ensure you have completed all necessary documents for the True Blue Internship Award Application.

Please email all of these documents to clinic@birdcentermi.org.
(Please do not email until all documents have been prepared).

- Completed BCM Internship Application Form
- Completed True Blue Internship Award Application Form
- University or most recent transcripts
- Resume or CV

