Position # 00013962
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension Agent I, II, III or IV
Collier County (South Central District) Naples, Florida
Application deadline: 4/28/2007 or until filled

The agent provides leadership for the development and presentation of comprehensive educational programs in the areas of food safety and money management. Core areas may also include family development, nutrition and community development as it relates to Family and Consumer Sciences. The agent must have ability to work effectively with a diverse audience including minority, community leaders, media and the general public. The ability to work with community organizations, agencies and their leaders to develop collaborative programming is necessary. Multi-county programming with neighboring counties is expected.

The successful candidate must demonstrate ability to work with community agencies and groups in collaborations and partnerships. The individual will establish a strong local advisory committee to analyze the county situation, identify priority issues and design and implement a variety of programs to reach target clientele. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, are required as well as a working understanding of computer use. The incumbent will be expected to work with agencies/organizations to acquire grants (monetary/in-kind), assist/lead cooperative/interdisciplinary projects, provide service to schools, develop creative works (presentations, posters, website development, etc), write non-technical people-friendly publications, and participate in professional societies.

The Agent will follow all Extension policies regarding program development and program reporting. The Agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the County Extension Director and District Extension Director

Collier County contains approximately 2,025 square miles of land area. The countywide population is over 251,000 with an annual growth rate of about 3%. The successful candidate is expected to develop forward looking programs that meet the needs of a rapidly growing urban – suburban interfaced population.

A Bachelor’s degree in family and human development, family and consumer sciences, food science, human nutrition or closely related field; two years of experience in providing extension services or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge skills and abilities for this job. A Master’s degree and experience is highly preferred. Candidates without Master’s degree would be expected to make significant progress toward degree completion within five years. Tuition is waived for course work completed within the State of Florida University system. Some evening and weekend work will be required. The successful candidate must pass physical examinations, drug screening and background checks as required by Collier County government.