



About This Role: As State Forester of the Kansas Forest Service (KFS) at Kansas State University, you will provide leadership, expertise, and management to the programs and employees of the agency.

Your responsibilities will be to:

- Guide direction of all programs within KFS
- Contribute to the success of KFS personnel meeting planned program goals
- Advocate for KFS at state and federal levels
- Represent KFS with federal, state, local, and private natural resources agencies
- Prioritize and budget resources within KFS to satisfy the needs of diverse stakeholders while meeting required deliverables

Why Join Us: The Kansas Forest Service is the 5th oldest state forestry agency in the country established in 1887, and is housed as an independent agency within K-State Research and Extension. The agency employs 35 full-time employees, and 40+ temporary and student positions, housed in Manhattan, KS and offices throughout the state. Our programs include Rural Forestry, Community Forestry, Fire Management, Conservation Tree Planting, Forest Health, and Marketing and Utilization.

KFS works with a diverse group of partners at local, state, and federal levels to help serve the State of Kansas in pursuit of our mission: "Care of Natural Resources and Service to People Through Forestry". We pride ourselves on the multi-faceted services we provide the many stakeholders of Kansas. KFS contributes an estimated combined economic impact of \$34 million annually.

This position is benefits eligible including health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, tuition assistance, paid time off (holidays, vacation and sick leave). To learn more, visit: <http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits>

We Support Diversity and Inclusion: Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the [Principles of Community](#).

What You'll Need to Succeed: **Minimum Requirements:**

- A person in order to be eligible to be appointed to, or hold the office of state forester must have completed the requirements for and be the holder of a degree from a school of forestry approved by the board and shall have a record of experience in forestry satisfactory to the board. (State Statute K.S.A. 76-425c)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resources, or closely-related degree from a school of forestry (Society of American Foresters accredited program)
- Master's degree
- 3-5 years of business administration and leadership responsibilities
- Excellent written and oral, interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills

Other Requirements:

- *Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment*

How to Apply:

Please submit the following documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Professional references

Screening of Applications Begins:

Screening begins on October 18, 2019.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees.

Background Screening Statement:

In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.

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