



City of Ames
Mosquito Program Worker 2026

SALARY	\$15.52 - \$16.46 Hourly	LOCATION	50010, IA
JOB TYPE	Temporary	JOB NUMBER	25-PRMPW-01
DEPARTMENT	Parks and Recreation - Temporary & Part-time positions	OPENING DATE	02/17/2026
CLOSING DATE	6/15/2026 5:00 PM Central	FLSA	Non-Exempt
BARGAINING UNIT MERIT		RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT?	No

Centrally located in the heart of Iowa, Ames is a vibrant, progressive community with more than 66,000 residents providing an excellent quality of life. Home to Iowa State University, Ames offers year-round recreation opportunities, diverse cultural offerings, a stable economy, safe neighborhoods, and a high-achieving school district.

General Information

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/97rsAGfo1eQ?&wmode=opaque&rel=0>

The City of Ames Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for a Mosquito Program Worker to complete tasks related to the Mosquito Control Program.

Candidates interested in this opportunity can expect to work from June 2026 through September 2026, varying, flexible, schedule. Evening and weekends required.

Mosquito Program Workers are directly accountable to the Parks Maintenance Supervisor and the Maintenance Specialist, and adjunctly accountable to the Parks and Facilities Superintendent, and the Parks and Recreation Director.

This posting is open until filled.

Examples of Essential Job Functions

Iowa Pesticide License Category 7D is required for this position. Candidates not possessing the Iowa Pesticide License Category 7D License may apply but must obtain the license prior to employment.

Mosquito Control Applicator:

This position will perform larvicide and fogging to complete the objectives of the mosquito control plan and other duties assigned. The primary work location is 700 East 13th Street, but work will take place throughout the City's Parks and other City facilities as needed. Work hours are flexible; larvicide is completed as needed at any mutually agreeable time, fogging is completed as needed on weeknights from 7:30 PM – 11 PM.

Each employee is expected to continually strive to bring shared values to life through our Excellence Through People organizational culture. ETP values include: committing to continuous improvement; inspiring creativity and innovation; being customer driven; making data-driven decisions; championing employee involvement; striving for excellence; having fiscal stewardship; acting with honesty and integrity; exhibiting leadership; choosing a positive attitude; respect and dignity for one another; promoting safety and wellness; and cultivating teamwork. For leaders, this includes creating a work culture that brings these values to life. For all employees, this includes maintaining a Total City Perspective. The purpose of ETP is to deliver exceptional services to the public at the best price, and for employees to experience an enjoyable and stimulating work environment.

Qualifications

Age Requirement:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Licenses:

- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Iowa Pesticide License Category 7D is required and must be obtained before beginning employment.
- Pesticide applicators license is preferred but not required.

Experience:

- Prior chemical application experience preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge and Skills:

- Ability to frequently lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- Ability to perform required work under various outdoor conditions.
- Ability to take direction from superiors and be able to complete duties with or without supervision.
- Demonstrate strong decision-making skills, initiative, dependability, organization, enthusiasm, leadership, and a desire to serve the public.
- Skill in the use and care of tools and other equipment used to complete varying tasks.

Professional Expectations:

- Understand, appreciate and embody the City of Ames Core Values.
- Maintain an exceptional level of safety. (Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided when required to accomplish duties safely).
- Maintain a professional demeanor (calm and courteous) at all times while on site.

Supplemental Information

Physical & Environmental Characteristics:

Required Physical Activities: Climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, finger dexterity, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing, repetitive motions.

Physical Characteristics of Work: The work involves sitting 0 to 5 percent of the time; sitting and using arm/leg controls 10 to 40 percent of the time; standing (but not walking) 0 to 35 percent of the time; standing and walking 10 to 35 percent of the time; frequently lifting objects under 10 pounds; routinely lifting objects from 10 to 25 pounds; routinely lifting objects from 25 to 50 pounds; and routinely lifting objects over 50 pounds.

Vision Requirements: The minimum standard for those whose work deals with operating a motor vehicle, as well as operating equipment like ultra-low volume sprayers, mosquito sampling equipment, measuring devices where the seeing job is at or within arm's reach.

Environmental Conditions: The work is performed outside and includes being exposed to heat, noise, and chemical hazards.

Equipment Essential to the Job: A motor vehicle and skid mounted ultra-low volume spraying equipment, instructions, maps, and schedules; a variety of measurement and diagnostic tools and equipment including cleaning equipment and chemicals, and extension cords; water hoses; a variety of safety equipment and clothing including ear plugs, a first-aid kit, gloves, safety goggles, raincoats, some office and audio-visual equipment including telephones, and calculators.

Selection Process:

The selection process consists of an evaluation of education and experience, interview, and completion of a motor vehicle records check and criminal background check, which includes a sex offender registry check. All candidates will be notified by email of their application status.

E-Verify Process:

The City of Ames participates in E-Verify and will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with information from each applicant's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization. All candidates who are offered a position with the City of Ames must complete Section 1 of Form I-9 along with the required proof of their right to work in the United States and proof of their identity on their first day of employment. Please be prepared to provide required documents on your first day of employment. For additional information regarding acceptable documents for this purpose, please contact Human Resources at 515-239-5199 or go to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services web page at:

<http://www.uscis.gov>.

NOTE: Applicants with disabilities may submit requests for ADA testing or interview accommodations to the Human Resources Department prior to the test or interview.

The City of Ames is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, ancestry, national origin, marital status, disability, or protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against. Inquiries can be directed to the Human Resources Department at 515-239-5199.

Employer

City of Ames

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515 Clark Ave

Ames, Iowa, 50010

Phone

515-239-5199

Website

<http://www.cityofames.org/jobs>

Mosquito Program Worker 2026 Supplemental Questionnaire

*QUESTION 1

Will you be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license by June 1st?

- Yes
- No

*QUESTION 2

Do you have an Iowa Applicator Category 7D License? *More information can be found here:*

<https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/applicator-licensing-certification>

- Yes, I currently have an Iowa Applicator Category 7D License
- No, but I can obtain the Iowa Applicator Category 7D License by the time of hire

*QUESTION 3

Describe any experience you have with spraying or applying liquids and/or chemicals.

*QUESTION 4

Describe any experience you have with power tools and/or equipment such as sprayers.

*QUESTION 5

Are you available to work the entire season for this position? If not, what start and end dates are you available to work.

If you are a current student, are you able to work during the school year or would you prefer to only work when school is out-of-session?

*QUESTION 6

Provide the days and hours you're available to work (start and end times for each day).

* Required Question