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## Seasonal Opportunity: Detasseling

Burrus Seed Farms, Inc. – Jacksonville, IL

### Job Description

We appreciate your interest in becoming a member of the Burrus detasseling crew. It's a fantastic way to earn money, learn life-long work skills, and be part of a team effort. Please review the basic things to know, and questions we commonly receive.

### How to Apply

For your employment to be possible, we need the following items:

- [Completed application](#)
- [I-9 form](#)
- Either a school ID, report card, driver's license, or State of Illinois ID card
- Either a Social Security card or a birth certificate (raised seal not mandatory)

### How to Contact Burrus with Questions

- Email: [detasseling@burrusseed.com](mailto:detasseling@burrusseed.com)
- Call: 217.997.5511

### Common Questions

- **How do I know when I'm supposed to start working?** We will call and hire you when we plan to detassel. Everything depends on the weather and when the corn is ready. So, there is no set date when detasseling begins.
- **What time do I tell my ride to pick me up?** There is not a specific time you will be done. However, you will work no later than 2:30 pm. When you are finished for the day, you will ride a bus to return to the bus pick up point. You then may call your ride to notify that person.
- **What if I miss a day or get sick?** If you are aware you cannot be here, please call and alert us. Or, please tell your area supervisor when that person calls roll. If you are ill, please call and notify us before 7:00 am that morning.
- **Why did my friend get a call to work and I didn't?** If you have submitted all the correct paperwork, there is simply not a need for additional workers. Many different factors go into our hiring process, none of which are personal. Most likely we will be calling you shortly.
- **What are your office hours?** 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

### Important Things to Know

- **Rain Gear:** The corn can be very wet in the morning from dew or rain. Many detassellers wear rain gear in the mornings to stay dry and warm, then remove it as the day progresses and the corn dries.
- **Lunch Boxes:** You are responsible for providing your own lunch. Many detassellers bring their lunch in a small cooler so they can use the cooler to sit on while they eat.

- **Water:** Water is provided at the fields, but we recommend that you also bring your own.
- **Sunscreen:** There is little to no shade, we highly recommend you bring and wear sunscreen.
- **Clothes:** Wear old clothes and closed-toe shoes. We suggest that you dress in layers.
- **Hats:** It is a requirement that you bring and wear your Burrus hat. You will receive a Burrus hat on your first day of work, with the first hat being free. If you lose or misplace your first hat, you may purchase a replacement hat.