

**TOWN OF COLTON
BTI BLACKFLY / MOSQUITO
CONTROL PROGRAM**

**POSITIONS OPEN ON TOWN OF COLTON BTI CREW.
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 BTI PROGRAM**

FIELD TECHNICIAN (*Bti* Black Fly & Mosquito Control Program): **\$21.00/ hour + mileage** reimbursement. Full time seasonal, Early-mid-March – Mid- July. Location: Town of Colton, NY. **Qualifications:** Candidates must be NYS D.E.C. certified "Commercial Pesticide Applicator or Technician" (mandatory 30-hour training course, (no cost) and passing DEC Exam(s) will fulfill this requirement. **COURSE DATE: TBD (generally in January, exams in February)** Candidates must pass a pre- employment Drug & Alcohol test —given at the Town's expense. Candidates must be physically fit, take and pass a Physical exam—given at the Town's expense. The DEC Commissioner may deny application or revoke a certificate if an applicant or certified applicator has been convicted of a felony.

Work requires hiking and bushwhacking in often less than desirable field conditions including inclement weather, carrying a backpack up to 20-40 lbs, so must be in good physical condition. Long hours and working part of a weekend may be required at times. Technicians must have a good work ethic and be self-motivated, able to work without direct supervision and generally work alone. Must have personal vehicle (mileage paid).

If candidate is hired and works **the entire season**, employees receive; up to \$350 reimbursement for boots and rain gear (**pre-approved by Bti Supervisor**) and will be paid for taking the 30 hour course. This reimbursement will occur at the end of the season. You must have receipts for gear reimbursement. Packs and other gear required for the job will be provided. Safety gear such as hiking poles, footwear traction, tick-proof clothing, etc will be provided and **must be utilized** by each crew member.

Any experience a plus. Orienteering skills are extremely helpful – must be able to move safely and comfortably through the woods, using good judgment. **Commitment to work the entire season requested. Duties:** Technicians (this includes Applicators) work under the direction of *Bti* Supervisor on a municipal Black Fly & Mosquito Control Program. *Bti* is very target specific, environmentally safe biological pesticide used to control black fly & mosquito larvae. **Black fly Control Technician:** Each technician is assigned roughly a 10 square mile section of the treatment area in which they monitor streams for black fly larvae, perform discharge measurements to determine stream flow, calculate amount of *Bti* to be used, apply *Bti* to streams, perform assessments to determine larval mortality. Detailed records must be kept on all aspects of the job. This is all taught in the 30-hour course. **Mosquito Control Technician/Apprentice:** Technicians are assigned a section of the treatment area in which they locate, map, and monitor standing water for mosquito larvae, calculate the amount of *Bti* to be used, apply *Bti* to standing water. Detailed records must be kept on all aspects of the job.

Technicians will work on both Black fly and mosquito control.If interested, Contact:
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