



2026 Internship Opportunities at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) & Page Field (FMY)

Since 1990, the Lee County Port Authority has provided outstanding internship opportunities for college students. We take pride in helping students learn about every aspect of airport management.

- In 2026, LCPA will offer three internship programs: Airport Operations and Management, Emergency Management and General Aviation Airport/FBO Operations and Management
- Internships generally last 10 to 12 weeks, beginning in May, with a pay rate of \$15 per hour.
- Those selected for LCPA internships must be prepared to meet high-performance standards and write a comprehensive paper about their experience.

Requirements for the internship program are as follows:

- Students must be in an airport/aviation management program, operations or closely related field and attending an accredited college/university.
- Intern must be a full-time student, at a credit level of sophomore or above, and pursuing a career in airport/aviation management, operations, planning or a closely related field.
- Students must submit a college-graded paper, which was written within the previous six months of the application date.
- Resume must include student's goals and objectives.

Lee County Port Authority 2026 Intern Programs

Airport Operations and Management

10- to 12-week paid internship

Schedule includes all shifts, day and night

This unique program allows students to experience how an airport functions. Interns rotate through various departments and learn how an airport operates in the public eye and behind the scenes. Scheduled rotations, based on individual interests, may include operations, Lee County Port Authority Police Department, planning & development, engineering, environmental compliance, finance, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting, maintenance, communications & marketing, as well as Page Field, our general aviation airport.

Emergency Management

10- to 12-week paid internship

Schedule includes all shifts, day and night

The intern will assist with meetings, training and development of various emergency functions and tabletop training exercises on a variety of topics that may include active shooter, hurricane preparedness, airport evacuation, family assistance and care team programs, etc. Scheduled rotations throughout various emergency departments, such as airport operations, Lee County Port Authority Police Department, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting, as well as Page Field. Tours and meetings may be set up with community responders, such as Lee County Emergency Management, Florida Department of Health, Red Cross and Lee Health, based on schedule and interests.

Relevant coursework should include: emergency management, airport management and FEMA courses such as the National Incident Management System (NIMS/ICS). Familiarity with FAR Part 139 and other aviation-related regulations would be helpful.

General Aviation/FBO Operations and Management

10- to 12-week paid internship

Schedule: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some after hours, as needed; depending on current airport projects

This internship will be held at Page Field (FMY) and will offer an in-depth look at the operations of a general aviation airport and fixed-base operator (FBO). The intern will work primarily with the operations manager and marketing coordinator to learn about airport and FBO operations, conduct research, participate in community outreach and activities as well as other projects, as assigned. Additional assignments may include working with airport and FBO management, familiarization with other aviation businesses at the airport, FBO customer service and line service, maintenance and finance. This internship will also have the opportunity to experience operations and visit other departments at the commercial service airport, RSW.

Professional demeanor and appearance, experience with office productivity software and excellent speaking/writing/analytical skills are desired for all successful internship candidates.

Applications/Resumes due by Nov. 30, 2025
For more information about LCPA, please visit flylcpa.com

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Facts about the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA)

LCPA owns and operates both Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field (FMY), located in Fort Myers, Florida.

- Southwest Florida International Airport was certified for operation in May 1983 and is one of the newest airports in the nation. RSW is committed to providing the region's commercial air service as a medium-hub airport and contributes \$8.3 billion annually in economic impact.
- RSW served more than 11 million passengers in 2024 and is one of the top 50 airports in the United States for passenger traffic.
- Sixteen airlines serve RSW with nonstop service throughout the United States and international service to Canada and Germany.
- Focused on convenience and comfort in a beautiful setting, RSW offers an exceptional travel experience. The current terminal complex opened in 2005 with 28 gates and three concourses. Construction is underway on Terminal Expansion Projects to improve the airport's efficiency by consolidating the security checkpoints, adding concession space and providing passengers more amenities and options. In addition, construction is in progress on a new Concourse E, with 14 gates and terminal, landside and airside improvements.
- Page Field is a thriving, award-winning airport that is home to nearly 400 aircraft. As the designated reliever airport for RSW, it accommodated more than 169,000 operations in 2024 and has a regional economic benefit of \$465 million annually. The Lee County Port Authority owns and manages Base Operations at Page Field, the airport's sole fixed-base operator (FBO). This facility opened in 2011 and provides essential services for business and recreational aircraft. Base Operations at Page Field is consistently recognized as one of the top-rated FBOs in North America.

Lee County Port Authority job openings and links to job postings for airlines and tenants are available at flylcpa.com/careers-and-employees.

