Summer Internship/Scholarship at PPP/Native Plant Nursery
Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society
Proposal (seeking TCSS Board Approval for Summer 2020)
Funding to be from Educational Outreach to the Institution of Student Choice

Pima County Native Plant Nursery
5845 N. Camino de la Tierra
Tucson AZ

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Application to be limited to one page. The applicant will submit background experience and his/her interest in this position. A visit to the Pima County Native Plant Nursery in advance is acceptable and encouraged.

Application will be submitted to Jessie Byrd Jessie.byrd@pima.gov DUE MAY 1, 2020