

2017 Summer Garden Intern - “Get Growing!” Youth Summer Program Troy Howard Middle School

“Get Growing!” is an experiential summer learning program for youth entering grades 6-8. Based at the Troy Howard Middle School gardens in Belfast, the program exposes students to every aspect of growing, from sowing seeds to transplanting, weeding, mulching, pest control, harvest, seed saving and cooking. Students prepare lunch each day with produce harvested from the garden. The gardens are managed using ecological methods with no synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides used. The garden is planned primarily for September harvest by students.

Summer Intern Position

The Summer Intern works alongside the Garden Coordinator to provide hands-on learning for students. S/he will also assist in garden planning and maintenance outside of time with students. Responsibilities may include planting, weeding, watering, pest control, mulching, building garden structures, greenhouse management, harvest, cooking, dishes, seed-saving and assisting/mentoring students in all of the above.

Time Commitment

Must be available Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-noon) from June 19th to August 2nd, plus 4 additional hours each week (these hours are flexible), for a total of 10 hours each week for 7 weeks.

Compensation

Stipend: \$100/wk. Lunch provided on Mondays and Wednesdays. Surplus garden produce each week. Hands-on experience with all aspects of garden and greenhouse management. Experience mentoring youth in experiential, garden-based learning. Independent projects and/or a personal garden bed negotiable, if desired.

Desired Qualifications/Experience

- Ability to work hard under various conditions (heat, rain, bugs, ?)
- Demonstrated interest and experience in agriculture, gardening, horticulture
- Experience preparing food, especially fresh garden produce
- Experience working w/ youth from various socio-economic backgrounds, preferably age 10-14
- Ability to squat/bend and lift 30 lbs
- Experience leading volunteers
- Open-minded, friendly, adaptable, patient
- Punctual
- Respect for students and volunteers regardless of economic background, race, gender, sexual orientation, age and ability.

To Apply

Send resumé and cover letter to dwessels@rsu71.org by 4/1/17. Equal opportunity employer.