

Garden Educator Fall 2016
(Part-time, 10-15 hrs/wk)

Together with communities, our mission is to empower students to connect with healthy food through experiential, garden-based learning. Our vision is that all children, regardless of race, class, or geography, will understand the significance of healthy food in the betterment of their lives. We are building a future in which youth will grow to become healthier, more productive members of society.

We are in immediate need of one (1) part-time garden educator for our Fall season (September 12th - November 17th) to work the following schedule and locations:

Mondays: 9am to 11am @ Growing Power, 3333 S. Iron Street

Thursdays: 11:30am to 3pm @ Smyth Elementary, 1059 W 13th St

Fridays: 1:45pm to 5pm @ Hay Elementary, 1018 N. Laramie Avenue

Approx. 2 hours of supportive administrative work from remote location

This position will operate as a contract position for the duration of the fall session, with the option of renewal for the 2017 growing season, dependant on job performance.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Lead students in productive, informative, and transformative programming around the Gardeneers branches of Nutrition, Community, and Environment
- Be an integral part of school communication during the entire contract period (9/12-11/17)
- Ensure beauty and productivity of school gardens
- Help with Volunteer Day organizational efforts at assigned schools
- Maintain accurate records on each assigned school including: students rosters, Eat What You Grow data, names and contact info for school contacts and volunteers, pictures of students and gardens and other assigned information
- Attend weekly team meetings (Mondays 9am to 11am)
- Communicate regularly and effectively with fellow garden educators and management

Required Qualifications:

- Previous experience in an education setting with students, formal or informal
- Previous experience with small-scale agriculture, urban agriculture, school or home gardening
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse student populations

- Positive attitude & strong work ethic
- Energetic and creative in the face of changing school and garden conditions
- Ability to pass a background check
- Ability to lift twenty-five (25) pounds and remain active and on your feet for extended periods
- Access to laptop, tablet, or other computing device and internet connection
- Access to reliable transportation to and from assigned schools (bike or CTA ok)
- Proficiency in MS Office and Google Drive
- Spanish language skills (preferred)

Compensation: \$15/hr

To Apply: Please e-mail resume and two (2) references to both Brekke Bounds, brekke@gardeneers.org and May Tsupros, may@gardeneers.org with the subject line: Garden Educator Opening. Since this vacancy is for immediate hire, please submit all applications by Friday September 2nd.