



The Giving Grove – Horticulture Assistant



Kansas City Community Gardens, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, has an opening for a Giving Grove Horticulture Assistant. The Giving Grove program mission is to improve local food security and strengthen communities by bringing together the resources to develop edible tree gardens. These gardens include fruit trees, berries and nuts, and represent a sustainable, healthy food system for communities in need.

Position Description: The Giving Grove Horticulture Assistant is a full time year-round position that helps with the operational details of planting and maintaining fruit trees in the Kansas City area. This is primarily an outdoor position that assists with the planting of trees, maintaining nursery stock and maintaining existing orchards. This requires the use of, and familiarity with, landscaping and fruit tree tools and terms. Prospective candidate will also provide support to existing groups and orchards in our on-going educational and outreach support. Projects are located throughout the metropolitan area in a wide variety of neighborhoods, schools, non-profits, parks and communities of faith.

Responsibilities:

- Organize and maintain nursery stock
- Assist with site planting preparation
- Assist with delivering of project materials to the site
- Supervise one or multiple volunteer teams
- Assist sites with horticultural advice
- Assist with pruning
- Use of trailer and tractor
- Clean, organize and repair tools and equipment
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Tree knowledge
- Pruning knowledge
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to lift over 50 lbs
- Work in all kinds of weather
- Ability to work Saturdays during planting seasons
- Ability to work with children (background check will be required)
- Must have own reliable transportation which will be used to get to project sites (mileage reimbursed)

Preferred skills, experience, or certifications (but not required):

- Degree in Horticulture or related field
- Fruit tree knowledge
- Vegetable and gardening knowledge
- Good communication skills (written and oral)
- Record keeping and organizational skills
- Valid pesticide license

- Experience working with volunteers
- Ability to lead or direct volunteer groups

Reports To: Giving Grove Horticulturist

Timeframe & Hours

- Full time 40 hours a week
- Will require project work on Saturdays in the Spring and Fall

Salary

- \$11.00 - \$13.00 per hour - commensurate with experience
- Benefits – Attractive Health benefits program and retirement benefits available

Process & Hiring Time Frame

- Resume must be received by Sunday, Sept 18th 2016
- Email resumes to givinggrove@gmail.com
- Target Start Date: October 3rd