

Job Title: School Grown Facilitator

School Grown is a schoolyard farming social enterprise that provides paid jobs and school credit to high school youth working at farmers. We grow at Bendale BTI, Eastdale CI and Heydon Park SS. Each summer we employ 20 high school students – they spend their summer seeding, weeding, harvesting, selling at the farmers market and participating in weekly workshops about cooking, food justice and anti-oppression. The School Grown Facilitator is a leadership position. In this role you will be supervising and mentoring high school youth within a supportive staff team.

Detailed job description:

- Supervise and support the youth employees in daily tasks and activities
- Work collaboratively with School Grown Coordinator and other FoodShare staff to develop educational programming for youth staff
- Engage students in general on-site market garden tasks, working alongside youth while: Prepping garden beds for planting, weeding, seeding and transplanting seedlings, watering and setting up irrigation, harvesting and processing produce, helping to maintain our compost system
- Run shifts at the farmer's market which includes mentoring youth and supporting them in handling cash, merchandising produce and delivering friendly customer service
- Make deliveries to local restaurants
- Act as a spokesperson for the Market Garden and FoodShare in the community, with the school, and with the broader public

Qualifications and skills:

- Capacity and passion for supporting youth with their personal and professional self-determined goals
- Great people skills (good at delegating tasks, helping people feel valued, energizing groups, keeping people happy when its 30 degrees and about to rain...)
- Demonstrated ability to work respectfully with people of different ages, genders, abilities, cultural backgrounds, and individuals who have experienced marginalization.
- Demonstrated respect for youth culture, knowledge and lived experiences
- Willingness to do physical labour outside in all weather conditions (rain or shine!)
- Knowledge of food justice and urban agriculture an asset
- Strong communication and organizational skills, great attention to detail
- Background in education, community development, youth leadership an asset
- Holding a valid Ontario Drivers License an asset
- Police check clearance required (to be able to work with students in the TDSB)
- Some evening work will be required (but you'll always know well in advance)

This position is funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program and requires that the applicant:

- Is between 15-30 years of age (inclusive)
- Was registered as a full-time student during the last academic year
- Intends to return to school on a full time basis during the next academic year
- Is a student in a post-secondary, vocational or technical program

- Is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial legislation and regulations

Hours and Compensation: \$15.00/hr at 37.5 hours a week for 8 weeks with possibility of extension.

To apply for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to hr@foodshare.net by 5:00 pm on Friday June 2, 2017.

We thank everyone for their interest but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are committed to providing accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require accommodation, we will work with you to meet your needs.