

Job Title: School Grown Assistant

Main Tasks: School Grown is a schoolyard farming social enterprise that provides paid jobs and school credit to high school youth. We grow at Burhamthorpe CI and Eastdale CI. Each summer we employ 10 to 12 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 Assistant will work alongside the School Grown Farm Coordinator, supporting the maintenance of our school-based market garden and orchard.

Detailed Job Description (duties include, but are not limited to):

- Support and maintain garden sites, in collaboration with School Grown staff. This includes preparing garden beds, seeding, weeding, watering, and harvesting produce.
- Support with harvesting and distribution of produce grown at the school farms by compiling weekly orders and assisting with harvest records and data management.
- Run shifts at the on-site market which includes mentoring youth and supporting them in handling cash, merchandising produce, and delivering friendly customer service
- Work collaboratively with volunteers, student interns, co-op students, and other School Grown staff to complete daily tasks.
- Participate in FoodShare staff and team meetings, all staff training, board staff retreat and reporting requirements such as timesheets and handle other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

- Interest in community-led food projects and/or neighbourhood-based community organizing
- Demonstrated commitment to principles of food justice and equity
- Demonstrated ability to work within a diverse community (people of different ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds)
- Excited about working outdoors
- Experience gardening, growing food or working with plants is an asset
- Experience working with children and youth
- Knowledge of food systems, including growing, cooking, and composting
- Effective communication and organizational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Familiar with G-Suite (Google Drive, Sheets, Docs, Calendar, Gmail, etc.)
- Availability to work one evening per week preferred (until 7 pm)
- Valid G Driver's Licence an asset

Job Requirements:

- Lifting and moving up to 40 pounds
- Working outdoors and on your feet for long periods of time
- A Vulnerable Sector Police Check (FoodShare will cover this cost)

Salary: \$15/hr

Hours of work: 35/wk

Expected start date: 01 June 2019

Expected contract end date: 26 July 2019

Number of positions - 2



Reports to: School Grown Coordinators

TO APPLY: Please submit your cover letter and resume to Human Resources Coordinator - at hr@foodshare.net by May 24th by 5:00 pm.

Please note:

FoodShare is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion. We are pleased to consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, age, disability, protected veterans status or any other legally-protected factors.

If you feel you need an accommodation because of illness or disability during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at your earliest convenience – hr@foodshare.net. You will also be briefed on FoodShare's policies regarding accommodation and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Please note that only candidates selected to move forward in the hiring process will be contacted.