



Position: Greenhouse and Shiloh Farm Apprentice

Deadline to Apply: Monday, January 21, 2013

Organization Description:

Grow Pittsburgh was established in 2005. The organization incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2008 after four successful programs had been established: *Braddock Farms*, a social enterprise that raises vegetables for local restaurants and provides jobs and locally grown food for Braddock residents; *The Edible Schoolyard*, an elementary school gardening program that uses the seed to table model to educate children about where their food comes from through physical gardens; *The Frick Project*, a greenhouse and garden operation that grows plant starts for local garden initiatives as well as produce for restaurant sales; and *The Summer Intern* program that uses agriculture as a platform for leadership skill development and environmental education. In 2010, the organization launched *City Growers*. This initiative is meant to encourage community vegetable gardening by providing technical assistance in the set up of gardens on vacant land in the city.

Apprentice Overview: For the 2013 growing season Grow Pittsburgh is seeking an apprentice for our sites at The Frick Art & Historical Center and the Shiloh Peace Farm at the corner of Thomas Blvd and Homewood Ave in Point Breeze. The apprentice will learn varied aspects of vegetable and seedling production and marketing, with a focus on greenhouse seedlings.

Duration: March 4, 2013 to June 28, 2013

Hours and Compensation: The apprentice will work 30 hours per week with flexibility to occasionally work late and on weekends. Compensation: \$3,000 stipend

Responsibilities: The apprentice will work directly with Greenhouse & Shiloh Farm Manager Cassandra Morgan to learn and execute the basic aspects of small-scale, sustainable, urban produce production and sale. The primary focus of the apprenticeship will be on greenhouse seedling production. Throughout the season the day-to-day tasks expected of the apprentice will include:

- Seeding and potting up herbs and vegetables in the greenhouse & gardens
- Watering seedlings and crops, both manually and with irrigation systems
- Following daily seeding schedules to plant seeds and transplants
- Keeping clear records & maintaining communication with Grow Pittsburgh Manager
- Identifying and controlling pests and diseases using organic methods

- Harvesting and preparing produce for sale to restaurants, through co-ops and farm stands, and a small weekly CSA
- Marketing produce both at weekly farm stands and special events (primarily on weekends in May for seedling sales)
- Interacting with the public on a daily basis
- Prepping outdoor beds for spring and summer planting
- Weeding & cultivating
- Maintaining compost operations at both sites
- Occasionally completing tasks in the Grow Pittsburgh office related to the Frick Greenhouse and Shiloh Farm operations

Requirements: Applicants should have a strong interest in sustainable and organic agriculture, vegetable gardening, and urban farming. Some previous growing experience is preferred but not required. Those interested should be self-motivated, punctual, and attentive to detail. They should also possess a strong work ethic, the ability to follow instructions, follow through on details, and work efficiently. As most of the work will occur in the greenhouse, applicants should be able to work for extended periods in a hot and humid environment. As both of the sites that the apprentice will be working on are open to the public, they should be open to interacting in a friendly manner with the public on a daily basis. Access to a car would be helpful for doing deliveries, attending events and traveling between sites.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Cassandra Morgan at: cassandra@growpittsburgh.org

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