



Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope FARM TO SCHOOL/HEALTHY CORNER STORE

About Growing Hope:

Growing Hope is a grassroots non-profit organization in Ypsilanti, Michigan dedicated to empowering individuals, groups and communities through gardening and increasing access to healthy food. We aim to use good food as a vehicle to Grow Healthy People, Grow Healthy Places, and Grow Healthy Economies.

Growing Hope contributes to a vibrant community by providing access to an equitable, sustainable, food secure economy. We are dedicated to empowering the community through economic development.

Position Description:

Through Growing Hope's Economic Development programs, we seek an intern to support several local initiatives that help increase healthy food access and grow businesses and jobs through the local food economy.

Specifically, the intern will work on our Farm to School program, helping our local Ypsilanti school district begin to source food from local vendors. In addition the intern will support the Healthy Corner Store initiative, assisting in organizing community members and corner store owners to stock healthier options. This initiative is also exploring how gaps can be filled in systems of healthy food distribution, delivery, storage, handling, and marketing that can make healthy options economically viable and sustainable for store owners.

Intern duties will include assisting in developing program materials, connecting with partners and local food suppliers, doing research and writing, providing evaluation support, and organizing events and/or meetings.

Qualified candidates will exhibit the following:

- Available 10-20 hours/week during internship period
- Has reliable means of transportation (public or private) to and around Ypsilanti.
- Passionate about food systems and Growing Hope's mission. Specifically, some awareness of Farm to School and Healthy Corner Store initiatives is a plus.
- Ability to effectively work with many ages, income levels, education levels, and race and ethnicities in a community setting.
- Experience working in diverse communities.
- Organized with spreadsheets and data collection/entry.
- Experience conducting community outreach and engagement to multiple audiences
- Competency in research and writing. Strongly computer literate and efficient in MS Office.



Internship Dates:

(Partial) Winter Term- March 1, 2017 and running through May or June 2017.

Summer Term- May 1, 2017- August 15, 2017. Depending on school calendars June 1 start date is possible to be considered.

Fall Term- September 1-December 15, 2017.

To Apply: Please apply by March 1, 2017. Cover letter (1 page) and resume, that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Also include your desired hours and schedule availability. Please send these documents to apply@growinghope.net or drop them off in person to the Growing Hope Center at 922 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Growing Hope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, color, disability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. We encourage the following groups to apply: people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship.