



Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope Youth Field Trip Intern

About Growing Hope:

Growing Hope is a 15-year-old non-profit organization in Ypsilanti, Michigan dedicated to helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and increasing access to healthy food. Our commitment to increased access to healthy foods is demonstrated through our Growing Hope Center urban demonstration gardens and production farm. We operate a 1.4 acre urban farm near downtown Ypsilanti. The farm is a multi-purpose space used for organic practice production and acts as an educational space for youth, volunteers and community members.

Areas of interest:

Food Security, Farming/Gardening, Youth Education, Place-Based Education

Positions Description:

Growing Hope is offering an internship opportunity to a student or community member interested in learning about youth education in a farm/garden setting. The experience will provide the intern with a fundamental understanding of working with youth using place-based educational practices, managing groups of youth, ServSafe procedures and basic gardening/farming knowledge. Interns must be able to commit to showing up reliably regardless of the weather. As Growing Hope runs many concurrent programs on a tight schedule, it is very important for interns to show up on time and stay for the duration of their shift. All interns will meet with our Youth and Schools Manager at the beginning of their internship to set down specific learning goals and evaluation points. Internships will be partially tailored around everyone's individual interests and capacity.

Intern Activities:

- Help plan and lead field trips (PreK-12) for youth at the Growing Hope Center.
- Teach students about various topics including, but not limited to nutrition, composting, gardening, food systems, and cooking.
- Learn about safety procedures when it comes to preparing food in a commercial kitchen in the various areas around the Growing Hope Center.
- Learn about practical use of place-based education, and a understanding of nutrition education and food security.
- Learn about the broader context of the food system, including local and national policy, historical and systematic racism and of course the solutions and inspiring work to create a better system.

Ideas for additional areas of work for interns include:

- Youth Garden Maintenance
- Curriculum Building
- Youth Garden Planning
- Record Keeping
- Nutrition Education
- ServSafe Education
- Educational Signage
- Social Media Education

Qualifications

In general we are looking for folks who:

- Must be able to lift 40 lbs
- Love working with children and helping them learn
- Can pass a background check
- Can work independently
- Familiar with using Google Docs, Drive, and Email
- Good communication skills
- Looking to learn new skills and are willing to make mistakes
- Love being outside and are not afraid of the rain or cold or heat
- Is flexible and can easily adapt to situations
- Have a reliable mode transportation
- Know themselves and how they learn best
- Have a passion for food justice and want to learn more!

Unpaid Availability:

Ability to work Monday, Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays

Summer Term: Available early May, 2018. 10 hours/week for 12 weeks.

To apply: Send 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. Include which internship you are applying for in the subject line and cover letter. 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.

We encourage the following groups to apply: people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship. 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.