



UNPAID INTERNSHIP: GARDEN EDUCATION INTERN

Growing Hope encourages people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship to apply. We welcome a diverse pool of applicants and make employment decisions on the basis of merit. We do not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, physical ability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. Accommodations will be made so that the application process and position is made accessible for qualified applicants.

Positions Description:

The Garden Education Intern will focus on Growing Hope's Home Vegetable Gardening Program which has helped over 350 families grow their own food in their backyards. The intern will support our Garden Coordinator installing gardens, and growing and distributing seedlings. The intern will gain an understanding of garden and plant care, Growing Hope's garden and farm programs, and the larger food system. Interns will learn about sustainable production of the various production styles at our farm including backyard and market gardening. Additional hours can be added to the internship based on intern learning goals.

Tasks include:

- Supporting families and community gardens through sharing gardening resources
- Building new raised bed vegetable gardens in participants' homes
- Offering advice and gardening support to new gardeners; growing and distributing seedlings to new gardeners

Qualifications:

- Interest in sustainable gardening
- Must be able to lift 40 lbs.
- Loves meeting new people
- Loves being outside and are not afraid of the rain or cold or heat
- Has reliable transportation
- Can maintain an organized clean workspace
- Have a passion for food justice and want to learn more

Qualities that will enhance your application:

- Some training in education or youth development
- Knowledge of the Ypsilanti community
- Comfort and experience discussing racism, environmental justice and social justice issues
- Can work independently
- Familiar with using Google Docs, Drive, and Email

Unpaid Availability: 10 hours/week, for at least 12 weeks. Preference given to someone who can stay for spring and summer term. **Spring:** March 16 -June 5th, Must be available to work Saturdays and an occasional Sunday. **Summer:** May 25th- August 14th

To Apply: Please provide a list of relevant experience or resume and brief cover letter (1 page) that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Include your desired hours and schedule availability. Send application to apply@growinghope.net. Applications accepted until February 28th for spring term. No formal education is required for this position.