



UNPAID INTERNSHIP: YOUTH FIELD TRIP 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. We do not discriminate based on race, creed, age, physical ability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status. Accommodations will be made so that this position is accessible for qualified applicants.

Position Description:

This opportunity is for a student or community member interested in learning about youth education in a farm or garden setting. The experience will provide the intern with an understanding of working with youth using place-based educational practices while assisting with Growing Hope's weekly field trip program. The internship will provide opportunities to learn about youth management and basic gardening and farming knowledge. Interns must be able to commit to showing up reliably regardless of weather, show up on time and stay for the duration of their shift. All interns will meet with our Youth & Schools Manager at the beginning of their internship to set specific learning goals and evaluation points. Internships will be partially tailored around intern's individual interests and capacity.

Tasks include:

- Help plan and lead field trips for youth (PreK-12th grade) at our Urban Farm and the Downtown Ypsilanti Farmers Market.
- Assist in teaching students about nutrition, composting, gardening, food systems, cooking, and other topics related to urban gardening and preparing fresh foods.
- Assist in managing educational gardens and outdoor classroom on the Urban Farm.
- Learn about safety procedures for preparing food in a commercial kitchen.
- Learn about the broader context of the food system including historical and systematic racism, and the solutions and inspiring work that are creating a more just and sustainable food system.

Qualifications

- Some experience working with youth in an educational setting.
- Some training and/or experience with lesson planning and evaluation.
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Flexible and can easily adapt to situations.
- Reliable mode of transportation (including public transportation)
- Can pass a background check.
- Have a passion for food justice and want to learn more!

Qualities that will enhance your application:

- Knowledge of the Ypsilanti community.
- Comfort or experience discussing racism in the food system and social justice issues.
- Can work independently.
- Familiar with using Google Suite (Drive, Calendar, E-mail).

Unpaid Availability: 10 hours/week for at least 12 weeks. Preference given to someone who can commit to spring and summer term. **Spring:** March 23rd-June 12th. **Summer:** June 1st - August 21st

To Apply: Please provide a list of relevant experience or resume, and a brief cover letter (1 page) that includes what you hope to gain during your internship, and what you think you could most contribute. Please 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.