



## Unpaid Internship with Growing Hope YPSILANTI FARMERS MARKET INTERN

### Position Description:

Growing Hope is a 18-year-old non-profit organization rooted in Ypsilanti, Michigan whose mission is to foster an equitable and sustainable local food system that empowers all people to grow, buy, sell, prepare, and eat nourishing food. Since 2006, Growing Hope has operated The Ypsilanti Farmers Markets to support this mission. The Ypsilanti Farmers Markets operate May-October on Saturday from 9am-1pm and Tuesday from 3-7pm. The Ypsi Area Online Market operates year-round.

Growing Hope is offering unpaid internships to those interested in farmers market management, local food systems, food justice, public health, nutrition/dietetics, and/or communications and marketing. Internship activities will vary based on availability and individual interest and skill.

### Potential Intern Activities:

- Operate market “Info Booth” during market hours.
  - Process credit/debit and SNAP/EBT transactions efficiently and correctly.
  - Explain incentive currencies used at the market such as Double Up Food Bucks.
  - Maintain correct transaction records and token counts.
  - Demonstrate friendly and neighborly customer service.
- On-site assistance to the Market team during market days, including setup and tear down.
- Support the Ypsi Area Online Market on pickup days or through website maintenance.
- Social media and outreach support.
- Data collection and management.
- Accompany market team on site visits to nearby markets and farms.

### Qualifications:

- Availability on Tuesday from 2-7:30 and/or Saturday from 8-1:30.
- Commitment to a minimum of 8 hours/week for a minimum of 12 weeks.
- Desire and ability to engage with a diverse group of people and provide excellent customer service.
- Enthusiasm for local food and the Ypsilanti community.
- Ability to function independently and in a team environment.
- Willingness to work in a variety of weather conditions.
- Preferred: past experience with one or more of the following: cashiering and/or bookkeeping, food assistance programs, marketing and outreach, data management

We are able to partner with academic institutions to provide this internship to meet college requirements, including dietetic internships (Market Manager is a Registered Dietitian). There is flexibility with dates of this internship, depending on the intern’s requirements and interests. Our preference is for this intern to serve for the entire outdoor season (May-October) if possible. In all activities, the intern will receive instruction, mentorship, and supervision from the Farmers Market and Nutrition Manager or other Growing Hope staff.

**To Apply:** Please fill out this [google form](#) (preferred) or submit your qualifications, availability, and what you hope to gain from this internship via written document, video, or audio format to [apply@growinghope.net](mailto:apply@growinghope.net). Preference given to applications received by **March 28th, 2022**, but the position will remain open until filled.

*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.*