



COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVES

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School Gardens Internship

Our commitment:

At Community Food Initiatives we believe that celebrating and nurturing diversity is an essential part of any resilient system. Whether working with our community, our food system, or our natural environment, fostering these various systems requires intentionally preserving and promoting diversity as well as learning about how the current systems/circumstances came to be. As we learn about the past and present and think about how to journey into the future, we welcome all who wish to journey with us, and believe that a team with diverse experiences and backgrounds will help us journey better: will generate richer discussions, deepen our understanding and commitment to coexistence, and support nuanced thinking. We strive to be an inclusive workplace where everyone feels welcome and respected. We are an equal opportunity employer and actively encourage applications from those whose identities reflect the diversity of constituents we seek to serve, and whose identities are traditionally underrepresented.

Position Title: School Garden Volunteer Intern

Site: 94 Columbus Rd, Athens, OH (office), multiple school sites throughout Athens County

Purpose/Objective: Our School Gardens Intern will work outside in the school gardens, as well as inside elementary school classrooms. They will work together with Community Food Initiatives staff to develop and teach fun, engaging, hands-on lessons to students in various grades throughout Athens County. This exciting internship provides a variety of experiences and is extremely rewarding for those interested in early childhood education and food sustainability.

Duties & Activities:

- Assisting with teaching school garden lessons to students (both in the classroom and in the garden)
- Helping with lesson plan development and curriculum relevancy
- Assisting with general up-keep and maintenance of the school gardens (weeding, clearing beds, mulching, harvesting, watering, etc.)
- Youth garden education party/event planning
- Spring planting planning as well as seed starting/maintenance in greenhouse
- Designing and creating school garden kiosk materials

Qualifications:

- Interest in the following: garden/outdoor education, public health and/or nutrition, sustainable agriculture
- Accountable and reliable
- Ability to contribute individually as well as participate in a team
- Passion for addressing food insecurity and strengthening our community's connection with food

Schedule: 5 – 10 hours/ week; summer hours available**Benefits:**

- Meet inspiring people and contribute to your community in a very unique way
- Gain gardening, organizational, and community development experience with a local nonprofit
- Successful completion of internship will result in the provision of references
- CFI Membership benefits, including free entry to workshops, a community garden plot, and annual member meeting voting privileges

How to Apply: Please send your resume and a statement of interest to CFI Executive Director Maribeth Saleem-Tanner, maribeth@communityfoodinitiatives.org. CFI volunteer internships are unpaid and filled on a rolling basis. Internships are eligible for federal work study and class credit.

Please familiarize yourself with our work on our website before applying:
communityfoodinitiatives.org