



Job Description

Position Title: Young Grower Garden Educator
Position Type: Part-time Staff
Function: Education Department
Supervisor: Program Services Director

Goal: The TLW Young Grower Garden Educator (GE) will help youth improve their health and combat food insecurity by engaging in natural urban gardening. The GE will deliver Young Grower curriculum that teaches urban agricultural best practices and reinforces STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) principles and physical activity. Youth will learn to make better food choices through nutrition education and exposure to natural foods. The Program will promote individual and community awareness to reduce hunger and diet related chronic disease and promote food security.

Scope of Responsibilities

- Provide information, facilitate education sessions and hands on demonstrations to teach youth natural gardening techniques in order to grow their own food
- Work with project partners to develop effective strategies to facilitate program goals
- Travel to specified locations to deliver programming
- Manage maintenance, upkeep and planting schedules for learning gardens
- Handle general administrative tasks connected to the project; report time and effort
- Update curriculum and activities to keep current STEAM principles and best practices in urban gardening
- Collect data and documentation to track performance measures
- Record attendance, collect evaluations and report other data as needed
- Assist in distributing and communicating appropriate project information to stakeholders
- Communicate program progress and status to TLW Program Services Director, Education Administrator and School or Agency Administrators
- Engage other staff and community volunteers to meet goals
- Support other TLW programs, projects, services and farm operations.

Qualifications

- Creative leader with strong commitment to the organization's mission and vision.
- Experience and understanding of organic farming and garden management
- Interest in health, nutrition and gardening
- Experience in teaching and developing curriculum, training, workshops and classes
- Experience and passion for working with youth
- An ecological sense, knowledge of dynamic interplay between food system, farming, natural world, society and individuals
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Must possess effective time management skills, flexibility, integrity and cooperative spirit
- Ability to relate well to diverse populations
- A self starter; able to work with limited supervision
- Ability to lift up to 40 lbs., bend, stoop and climb
- Must pass background check and sign confidentiality agreement
- Must be available Monday through Friday and some weekends

Training and Support

Candidate must complete TLW Urban Grower Training Program