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Farm to School Liaison

Part Time Position

Dates: November - May

\$23 - 25/hour based on experience

Organization Description

Mill City Grows is growing a healthier community by creating new opportunities for residents to access healthy, fresh, and affordable food. Our mission is to foster food justice in Lowell, MA by improving physical health, economic independence and environmental sustainability through increased access to land, locally grown food and education. We are a non-profit organization with a passionate staff, dedicated volunteers, and loyal customers.

Position Description

The role of the Farm to School Liaison is to work closely with Mill City Grows Education Department and Lowell Public Schools to implement Farm to School initiatives district-wide. This is a temporary, part-time, administrative position working up to 20 hours a week from January to June. This position is a great opportunity for candidates seeking community-driven, food justice work!

The Farm to School Liaison reports to the School Education Assistant Manager.

Qualifications:

- Interest in community-driven work
- Excellent communication and organizational skills as well competency utilize Google Suites (Drive, Sheets, Doc, Form, Slides)
- Experience working with K-8 students on hands-on engaging food justice based curriculum
- Familiarity with Lowell and/or Lowell Public Schools is a plus
- Open to occasional outdoor learning/development opportunities
- Fluency in a second language a plus, but not necessary (Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish)
- Interest in gardening, cooking, local food systems and sharing with others
- Experience with video production and editing is a plus, but we are willing to train the right candidate
- Eagerness to participate in and learn from challenging conversations with regards to race, gender, class, privilege, etc.
- Drivers license strongly preferred

**Responsibilities:**

- Work directly with program partners and educators in the Lowell Public School district, supporting strong and effective relationships with these partners.
- Supporting in creating and editing farm to school video footage
- Develop Farm to School Stakeholder Presentation and Fundraiser Toolkit
- Co-Deliver Farm to School Stakeholder Presentation at 14 schools
- Develop Farm to School Family event template for school-based events Featuring Garden Produce and Harvest of the Month Entrees
- Design/Deliver four agricultural education professional development session for middle school science and social studies teacher
- Support Middle School Convening of Garden Curriculum Team

School Garden Program Overview

Launched in 2013, Mill City Grows' School Garden Program brings gardening and nutrition education to more than 8,000 students each year through in-school, after school, and out-of-school curricula. As dynamic outdoor classrooms, school gardens encourage students to work together to seed, nurture, and grow fresh food, and experience the growing cycle of food from seed to plate. As they tend their gardens and harvest the fresh food they grow, students are encouraged to make healthy food choices and learn core life skills such as teamwork, compassion, curiosity, and love of learning.

Please send your resume, cover letter, and three references to hr@millcitygrows.org with the subject line "Farm to School Liaison—2021"

Mill City Grows is an equal opportunity employer. Mill City Grows especially encourages local residents to apply. Mill City Grows welcomes all interested people to apply, including People Of Color, all forms of gender identity and all religions and beliefs.