



urban growers collective

Pre-School Educator and Garden Program Assistant Part-Time Job Description (6 hours per week)

About Urban Growers Collective

Urban Growers Collective (UGC) is built upon the foundation of Growing Power, a nonprofit organization and land trust established in Milwaukee, WI in 1993. Growing Power operated its urban farming and education non-profit for 25-years before closing its doors in the Fall of 2017. The Growing Power Chicago branch was established in February 2002, to address the need for scalable food system models that were inclusive, impactful, and economically viable. After Growing Power closed, Chicago's leadership team, committed to continuing the legacy of Growing Power, formed UGC to build upon our 15-years of successes creating thriving urban farms and training programs in Chicago.

UGC tackles food insecurity through a variety of programming. Our portfolio of programs includes: the Fresh Moves Mobile Market; Farmers for Chicago, our job-readiness program which trains over 300 teens annually, 30 formerly incarcerated adults through an 18-month job-training program, as well as our Incubator Farmer program which provides land and technical assistance for new Chicago farmers; our head- start preschool farm which serves over 150 preschoolers and their families; and finally, we provide education to a larger audience through a series of agriculture, small business development, and equality building workshops. Our core values honor shared leadership and collective decision making; racial, economic, gender and LGBTQ equity; and employee well-being: we have witnessed how these values lead to thoughtful, holistic programming and yield environments that nourish and create prosperity.

Position Description: the Educare Educator position encompasses all aspects of small farm labor and curriculum execution. We are looking for a dynamic individual who is self-motivated, detail-oriented, maintains a positive attitude, has strong communication skills with an ability to receive constructive criticism, timely, and a strong work ethic.

Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm Wednesdays and 9:00am-12:00pm Thursdays, May 2nd through November 1st.

Responsibilities:

- Execution of preschool curriculum on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings;
- Maintenance of Educare site including seeding, planting, and tending and irrigating crops;
- Harvesting and post-harvest handling and record keeping of crops for family distribution;
- Pest management including hand-picking, maintaining row cover, and spraying of organic pesticides;
- Weekly reporting to supervisor;
- Willingness to work and preparation for working outdoors in all weather conditions;

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Qualifications:

- Experience working with preschool aged children;
- At least one-year of on the job training at a farm or garden;
- Experience and knowledge of food systems and organic sustainable farming;
- Ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with children, teachers, and community partners;
- Excellent organizational, communication and follow-through skills;
- Maintains appropriate professional boundaries in working with co-workers and children;
- Ability to think critically and creatively;
- Willingness to work as part of a team in a collaborative environment, but have the ability to work unsupervised to complete the job;
- Must be able to lift 75 pounds; and most importantly a
- Passion for food justice, youth development and urban farming.

Compensation: Hourly compensation at \$18 per hour, not to exceed 8 hours per week.

UGC provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, national origin, age, disability or genetics.

Please send resume and three professional references to info@urbangrowerscollective.org.

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