Common Good City Farm

Part Time LEAF Youth Program Educator—Job Announcement

Common Good City Farm is a nonprofit organization founded in 2007 with a mission to create a vibrant, informed, and well-nourished community through urban farming. Common Good’s half-acre farm in Washington DC’s LeDroit Park is the principal site for programs providing hands-on training in food production, healthy eating and environmental sustainability to people of all ages and backgrounds. Our programs include the following:

- **Food Distribution:** Community Supported Agriculture Program, and weekly Farm Market
- **Youth Education:** an after school program for neighborhood youth, a hands-on experiential learning program for toddlers and their guardians, field trips for DC area schools, and a spring, summer, and fall youth employment program
- **Seed to Table Workshops:** hands-on workshops on a variety of food-related topics open to the public.

**LEAF Youth Program Educator Position Summary**

We are looking for a creative and energetic individual to join our LEAF after-school program team. LEAF (Learning for the Environment, Agriculture, and Food) is a drop in youth program designed for elementary age students that live in the surrounding area of Common Good City Farm. The program offers hands-on learning including garden science, working in our youth garden, nutrition, making art for the farm and each class involves preparing a snack using fresh produce. The program is currently virtual one afternoon a week on Wednesdays and will be in-person on Sundays with Covid-19 safety precautions starting in June 2021. The in-person program takes place primarily on our farm space. The LEAF Youth Program Educator will take part in curriculum planning, procuring needed supplies, facilitating lessons, data tracking, and managing volunteers.

**Job Responsibilities**

Job responsibilities of the LEAF Youth Program Educator, under the direction of the Youth Programs Director, will include:

- Attend the majority of classes including set up and clean up
  - Must be available at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month from 4-6 pm
- Facilitate lessons to elementary age youth: lessons may include hands-on farm work, farm exploration, art projects, cooking, and nutrition
- Work with other instructors to set and enforce behavior standards and positively manage behavioral issues within the group and with individual students
- Set-up and break down of LEAF class
- Assist with training, supervising and coordinating LEAF program volunteers
- Assist with supplies planning and acquisition
- Assist with maintenance of youth garden
- Contribute to lesson planning and creation
- Assist with executing marketing and outreach plans
- Collect and manage data
Qualifications
The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:
- Experience working with youth and/or a background in education
- Experience or interest in urban agriculture, garden science or nutrition education
- Ability to work outside, even in adverse weather conditions
- Knowledge of the community, experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience or interest in positive youth development practices
- Creative, energetic, organized and reliable
- Background check and Covid 19 vaccination or willingness to get vaccinated required

Schedule/ Salary
This is a part time position of 8-10 hours per week. Applicants should be available during program hours on Sundays from 4-6 pm. Availability during program hours on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm would be ideal, but is flexible. This position is paid at a rate of $19-$20 per hour. Sick leave and paid time off are accrued on a prorated basis. Eligible for retirement benefits with a 2% employer contribution after 6 months of employment. Additional staff benefits include free attendance at most farm organized workshops, and a small share of produce during the growing season. Health insurance is not included for this position.

Application Process
CGCF is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applicants from all backgrounds. We are committed to the ongoing process of building an equitable organization and contributing to an equitable food system. You can read our equity statement here. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, their resume, and three references to jobs@commongoodcityfarm.org, with the subject “LEAF Educator Application.”

Applications are due by June 1, 2021. No phone calls please.