



## **Join Our Team – Summer Internship**

This is a valuable learning and networking opportunity that offers an intern the chance to join an organization with 24 years of experience producing high quality, nutritious, culturally relevant produce for our neighbors in Dane County, WI. Interns can expect to gain hands-on skills in vegetable and fruit production, small scale farming techniques, volunteer leadership/guidance and youth education through work at Forward Garden located at 7492 W. Old Sauk Road in the Town of Middleton, WI; and occasionally at member gardens.

### **Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Field work to establish and maintain vegetable plots, including bed preparation, seeding, transplanting, weeding, watering and irrigation setup, mulching, trellising, harvesting, post-harvest washing, and produce handling and distribution.
- ❖ Help create welcoming learning and work environment for volunteers and youth groups
- ❖ Participate in creating and prioritizing a weekly task list for Forward Garden.
- ❖ Lead occasional youth groups in gardening activities and farm-related learning activities
- ❖ Contribute content to weekly e-newsletter and social media platforms.
- ❖ Help keep tools and equipment organized and working properly.
- ❖ Assist Farm Manager with all aspects of volunteer coordination, including demonstrating and overseeing gardening tasks and ensuring that volunteers are adequately supported.
- ❖ Participate in occasional evening and weekend work opportunities including farm tours, planning meetings and outreach events
- ❖ You will be a core member of a team responsible for operation of the Food Pantry Gardens.

### **Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- ❖ Intern should have interest, experience and/or education in agriculture, plant science, plant pathology, entomology, environmental science or horticulture-related field.
- ❖ Experience working with volunteers and familiarity with social media is highly desired
- ❖ Tractor and garden equipment training provided, but familiarity with small farm equipment preferred

### **Additional Requirements**

- ❖ Applicant must be a current or continuing student
- ❖ Intern must be reliable and capable of working in inclement conditions. Some scheduling flexibility will be necessary due to weather.
- ❖ Students must have their own means of transportation to Forward Garden.

### **Position Details:**

- ❖ Up to 35 hours/week for 12 weeks between May and September (start and end dates flexible). \$15.00 per hour.

**For best consideration, send resume by March 15<sup>th</sup> to:** Matt Lechmaier  
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