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Every year Growing Home recruits promising individuals to work as interns with our organic agriculture business. If you're interested in the local food movement and jobs in agriculture, landscaping and/or food service you may be a good candidate for Growing Home.

Our employment training program is 14 weeks and begins on April 3, 2012. Recruitment for the first cohort will begin in February 2012 and in May 2012 for the second cohort.

Essential Duties

- Provide operations support for certified organic farm sites such as planting, weeding, watering, transplanting, and harvesting crops;
- Efficiently weigh and package produce for CSA boxes;
- Care for established lawns and walkways; plant ornamental flower beds, prune and trim trees, shrubs, bushes, and hedges
- Set up market stand and display at farmers' markets and farm stands;
- Transact sales, stock display, and record inventory at markets;
- Educate customers on nutritional value and preparation methods of Growing Home produce;
- Represent Growing Home at community events

Minimum Requirements

- Demonstrated ability to work in a fast paced, outcomes oriented setting;
- Ability to learn tasks quickly, demonstrate new skills, and take on increasing levels of responsibility;
- Highly conscientious about quality of their work;
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and duties;
- Physical capacity to work outdoors in various weather conditions and to dig, bend, lift, and stand for sustained periods of time;
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule at different farm/market sites including some early mornings, Saturdays and late afternoons;
- Basic math, reading, and computer skills
- Willingness to fully engage in training and classroom sessions;
- Serious commitment to achieve educational and employment goals;
- High level of motivation, enthusiasm, and potential to complete the program successfully;
- Experience in growing vegetables, landscaping and/or food preparation preferred but not required;
- Valid driver's license a plus
- Chicago resident

The Application Process

All individuals interested in applying with Growing Home **MUST** attend an information session to be eligible to receive an application. Information sessions will consist of a detailed overview of Growing Home's program as well as the application and hiring process. Information sessions will be held at Growing Home's Wood St. Farm -5814 S. Wood St. Chicago, IL. 60636 -between 9:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m. on the following dates only.

Cohort 1

February 6, 2012

February 13, 2012

February 20, 2012

February 27, 2012

Cohort 2

May 7, 2012

May 14, 2012

May 21, 2012

Please register for an information session by calling Shaniece Alexander, Program Assistant, at 773-434-7144. If you must leave a message please provide your name, telephone number and the date of the information session you want to register for. Walk-ins **WILL NOT** be accepted at information sessions. All attendees will be required to show a current identification upon arrival. If you are a representative of an agency that would like an information session to be held at your site please call to schedule.