



Position Description: Youth Educator, EarthDance

Organization: EarthDance

Mission: EarthDance grows food, farmers, and community through hands-on education and delicious experiences.

Position: Youth Educator

Location: EarthDance Organic Farm School, 233 S Dade Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

Hours: Approximately 40 hours/week

Job Description Summary

EarthDance is seeking a creative, self-motivated, dynamic individual with excellent communication and organizational skills and experience teaching, coaching, or mentoring youth to serve as our Youth Educator. This individual will further our mission by engaging youth on the farm and in the community in discovery about organic farming, healthy eating, and ecology. The highly qualified candidate will possess experience working with youth from low-income and diverse communities, nutrition and cooking awareness, knowledge of organic farming or gardening, and passion for the good food movement. People of color encouraged to apply.

Requirements

- Experience teaching, coaching, or mentoring youth
- Experience working with low-income and diverse communities
- Public speaking experience
- Experience working effectively as part of a team
- Professional, friendly, and enthusiastic personality
- Demonstrated ability to lead by example, with a strong work ethic, compassion and integrity

Desired Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree
- Farming or gardening experience
- Nutrition and healthy cooking knowledge
- Proficiency with Windows Microsoft Office, Google Drive and Google Calendar

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Youth Education (55%)



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- a. Lead farm field trips and service projects for youth, and engage attendees in lessons about organic farming, healthy eating, and ecology.
- b. Teach lessons and conduct outreach at schools and community events such as the Ferguson Farmers Market.
- c. Support the operation of the Junior Farm Crew, EarthDance's employment program for teens in Ferguson.
- d. Develop and refine curriculum for seed-to-table lessons.

2. Communication and Relationship-Building (30%)

- a. Communicate with teachers and other individuals outside the organization to arrange field trips, on-farm birthday parties, youth volunteer experiences, and outreach opportunities.
- b. Communicate with guest presenters of youth programming and youth program volunteers.
- c. Collaborate with EarthDance's youth program partners and participate in meetings related to these partnerships.
- d. Establish new partnerships with groups that serve youth.
- e. Assist in the recruitment and training of youth program volunteers.

3. Administration and Evaluation (10%)

- a. Create documents and systems of management relevant to youth programs.
- b. Assist with assessment and evaluation of Youth Program curriculum and outcomes.
- c. Document and keep records related to youth programming for marketing, grant reporting, and internal organizational communication.

4. All Team (5%)

- a. Participate in EarthDance programming and farm activities in order to maintain a strong understanding of the impact of EarthDance's work.
- b. Attend and participate in weekly staff lunch meetings and programs team meetings; contribute to overall organizational goals

TIME REQUIREMENTS: This is a full-time position, approximately 40 hours/week.



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COMPENSATION:

Salaried, commensurate with experience, plus benefits, including group health, dental, and vision insurance, life insurance, short-term and long-term disability insurance, Simple IRA retirement plan, paid wellness days, paid vacation time, local grocery co-op membership, free on-farm yoga classes, and a share of the farm's harvest.

TO APPLY:

Send a resume, cover letter, and 2-3 references to: work@earthdancefarms.org
Position open until filled.

***For more information on EarthDance Organic Farm School,
visit www.earthdancefarms.org***