



2022 Seasonal Orchard Assistant - Community Harvest Project, Harvard, MA

We are currently seeking a Seasonal Orchard Assistant to work under the direction of our Orchard Coordinator at the Prospect Hill Community Orchard site, located in Harvard. The ideal candidate will have at least one year of experience in agricultural work, will be motivated, have a friendly personality, and enjoy working with individuals of all ages and abilities. This unique position includes daily physical/agricultural work as well as effective and friendly volunteer engagement. Working with the public is a daily responsibility. Leadership and group communication are regular and required aspects of this position. See below for more qualifications.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and 2-3 professional references to susan@community-harvest.org.

Schedule: This is a part-time (approximately 20 hours per week), seasonal position, spanning July through October. Days of operation are Monday-Friday.

Compensation: \$16.00 per hour; 5 days paid sick time

Role Description: This position focuses on supporting farm and volunteer operations, mainly with harvest activities, and providing a positive volunteer experience.

Duties and responsibilities

- Assist in farming operations:
 - Execute daily agricultural duties
 - Basic property maintenance (mowing, brush removal, etc)
 - Harvest, grade and pack crops (peaches, apples, pumpkins) for sale and donation
 - Execute daily produce distributions
 - Stock fall farm stand and assist in sales
- Assist in volunteer operations
 - Set up and support volunteer activities and projects as directed by Orchard Coordinator
 - Assist with execution of daily visits of volunteer groups, ensuring a positive experience as well as proper completion of tasks
- Adhere to all safety guidelines and ensure their execution

Qualifications

- 1+ year of agricultural experience
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Experience with power tools (mowers, weed trimmers, chainsaws, drills, etc.)
- Ability to work in all weather
- Excellent personal and communication skills
- Positive, self-starting attitude
- Experience operating tractors and forklifts a plus but not required

Community Harvest Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with locations in North Grafton and Harvard, MA. Our mission is to engage and educate volunteers to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for hunger relief. Each year our sites host over 7,000 volunteers who work together to grow and donate an average of 270,000 pounds of produce to local hunger relief agencies such as the Worcester County Food Bank, Community Servings, and more.