



## Growing Gardens Position Description

<b>Position:</b> Youth Grow Educator	<b>Term:</b> Remainder of school year (March 11 <sup>th</sup> – June 15 <sup>th</sup> ) and the 2019-2020 school year.
<b>Reports to:</b> Youth Grow Coordinator	Possible additional summer programming and flexible hours for planning, meetings, etc.
<b>Time:</b> 15 hrs/week	<b>Hourly Wage Range:</b> \$17.00
<b>Application deadline:</b> February 18th	
<b>Schedule:</b> Thursdays during school day, one afternoon a week for Garden Club (day TBD)	

Do you want to join a team of driven educators working to get kids excited about healthy food, building community and connecting with the natural environment? Are you ready to be challenged and gain new skills? If so, we want you to join our team and grow with us.

Growing Gardens uses the experience of growing food in schools, backyards and correctional facilities to cultivate healthy, equitable, communities. We believe that access to nourishing, culturally-appropriate food is a basic human right. We are working to become an anti-racist organization through our programs and internal operations.

Youth Grow is a program of Growing Gardens that collaborates with diverse school communities to develop sustainable garden education programs at 9 schools. We offer interdisciplinary, experiential learning opportunities aimed at helping children connect with nature, and grow and eat their garden harvests.

We are seeking to hire an educator who is enthusiastic and skilled at using gardens to teach children science, explore food, environmental studies and more.

### What the job is:

- **Teach garden-based education at Faubion school (70%)**
  - Coordinate with teachers and administrators to schedule lessons
  - Implement dynamic hands-on lessons for K-5 students -- may involve Next Generation Science Standards, cooking, gardening, nutrition, food justice, environmental education, and related themes
  - Teach multiple grade levels, 5-6 lessons per day (one day a week)
  - Invite students' parents to teach classes about food traditions
  - Work with teachers and Growing Gardens staff to refine, develop and evaluate curriculum and lessons
  - Assist Garden Club instructor/Garden Coordinator at each school and co-teach afterschool SUN Garden Club

- Potentially, teach summer programs and camps (if available and funding dependent)
- Track important data about programming on a monthly basis
- **Develop and support strong school and community partnerships (20%)**
  - Support school-based garden coordinator to work with school administrators, parents, teachers, nutrition services staff, custodians and others
  - Help develop garden committees
  - Support the connection between the garden and the cafeteria (harvesting produce, offering tastings)
  - Support school-based coordinator garden maintenance and space use (including help with organizing garden work parties)
  - Support outreach to families and teachers including attending select school events
  - Facilitate partnership between Growing Gardens Home Gardens and Youth Grow programs by helping school-based coordinator to coordinate community workshops, and recruit Home Garden participants
  - Conduct workshops, tastings, classroom activities and garden clubs as needed
  - Coordinate Youth Grow or school community volunteers and interns.
- **Youth Grow Program Support (10%)**
  - Assist YG Coordinator in volunteer and intern training, tracking and management
  - Implement evaluations and track program data for grant proposals and reports
  - Participate and occasionally support other Youth Grow programming such as library workshops, summer camp, a Professional Learning Community for teachers
  - Attend and contribute ideas during staff meetings (schedule permitting)

**What we're looking for:**

- Experience of, and a love for teaching elementary school age children (1-3 years direct teaching K-5 students preferred)
- Basic knowledge of growing food in the Pacific Northwest
- Well-organized and detail-oriented
- Experience working with diverse communities, and ability to adapt garden education to meet multicultural communities
- A passion for the mission of Growing Gardens
- Open and direct communicator, asks questions and works well with a team

**Experience that we value but is not required:**

- Existing connection to the Faubion community
- Community organizing skill and ability to engage with a broad group of community members
- Ability to speak and write Spanish or other language prevalent in the Portland area
- Since we partner with schools in diverse low-income neighborhoods, we especially value candidates with life or work experience in similar neighborhoods
- Experience with anti-racism and social justice work

**Other Requirements:**

- Occasional availability for evening and weekend events
- Ability to pass background check

**Salary and Benefits:** 15 hrs/week from dates. \$17.00/hour. Free attendance to the School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training in June 2019.

**To Apply:** Please send current resume/list of work experience and a one page cover letter detailing your interest in the position to [apply@growing-gardens.org](mailto:apply@growing-gardens.org) by **February 18th**. Please put “Youth Grow Educator” in the subject line. We will notify candidates regarding next steps and in-person interviews. If you do have questions please reach out to: Anna Garwood at [anna@growing-gardens.org](mailto:anna@growing-gardens.org)