

Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program

Summary of the Program

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides Nova Scotian youth with green sector work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning (including team-building and leadership skills, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment.

Job Title - Town Farm Summer Program Coordinator

Wage - \$13.82/hr

Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be Town Farm Co-op, reporting to Nicole Dixon, executive director (ED). In this position, you will be responsible for guiding Grow @ Home participants (youth or adults), co-planning garden and food workshops, and assisting with the urban farm and New Waterford Community Garden. The successful candidate should have some teaching and/or leadership experience, a love of the outdoors, computer skills, and an interest in or experience growing and/or cooking food.

Community Partner

Town Farm Co-op is an urban farm and garden school that teaches natural farming, foraging, and fermenting to regenerate communities, build local food security, and foster a new generation of food producers. Town Farm is based in the former coal-mining town of New Waterford, Unama'ki (Cape Breton Island). For more information, please visit townfarm.ca.

Duties and Responsibilities

In collaboration with the executive director, summer interns will:

- Communicate by phone or email with participating families
- Supervise and assist 5-10 youth (12 to 15-year-olds) and/or adult participants during farming, Gardening, and food production activities
- Co-plan and teach and/or assist during garden and food workshops
- Assist with building raised garden beds
- Assist with tree planting
- Distribute and assist with planting seeds and seedlings to Grow @ Home participants
- Answer general garden questions

- Assist with urban farm activities, including chicken- and beekeeping
- Assist in building activities (e.g., greenhouse)
- Attend weekly check-ins with executive director
- Help manage community garden
- Map town orchard
- Assist with maintenance of Town Farm Co-op website and tool library database (townfarm.ca)

Requirements/Qualifications

Specific requirements and minimum qualifications required to successfully perform the job.

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2019;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Familiarity with computer productivity software is an asset (i.e. Microsoft Office);
- Must have good communication skills (e.g., phone, email);
- Should be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental/green sector is considered an asset;
- Demonstrated interest in or experience growing and/or producing food;
- Preference will be given to candidates from New Waterford/CBRM.

Working Conditions

Interns will be required to work outside in all weather conditions. If dangerous weather conditions occur (i.e., thunderstorms or extreme heat), activities will be suspended or moved to a safer location.

Please note: New Waterford is serviced by CBRM Transit Bus #9. Hours can reflect the bus schedule if required.

Physical Requirements

Interns will be required to lift heavy objects (i.e., lumber, soil, compost, etc.) and use hand tools (i.e., hammer nails, drill holes, saw wood, etc.). If interns have bee or food allergies, they must make this known to the executive director. Interns with bee allergies should carry an EpiPen and may be excused from beekeeping activities (at their discretion). Protective bee clothing will be supplied.