



Community Garden Ambassador Intern

Spring Term (March 31 – June 13) & Summer Term (June 23 – Sep 5)

6-10 Hours a week

\$1,000 Stipend

Can accommodate academic internship or independent study requirements

Position open until filled

Garden ambassadors will spend up to two hours per week in each of the three Olympia tiny home village gardens (Franz-Anderson, Quince St., and Plum St.). The ambassador will support garden health through irrigation monitoring, weed and pest management, seasonal and succession planning, compost management and education, and planting/harvest assistance and education. Additionally, the ambassador will attend weekly community meetings to continue garden education, learn about issues, concerns, and needs. A weekly check-in with Community Agriculture Program Coordinator to facilitate THV garden support will be necessary. (6 hours/week)

Garden ambassadors will support other community gardens in Olympia as needed, including sharing information about monthly garden activities, assisting gardeners, and other duties. The garden ambassadors may attend monthly TCD staff meetings, planned TCD workshops and events, and bi-weekly Education and Outreach team meetings as desired and available to learn more about conservation work in the community. Summer garden ambassador may support TCD Education and Outreach at the Thurston County Fair. Garden ambassadors may also help identify communities in need of community garden and/or support that are not part of the existing community garden structure. (4 hours/week)

NECESSARY & HELPFUL EXPERIENCE

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Passionate about local food and gardening; urban ag experience helpful
- Knowledge of or interest in farming, gardening, or natural resource conservation
- Strong interest in working directly with members of the public
- Clear written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Ability to ask questions and take direction, when unsure of how to proceed, in order to complete assigned tasks
- Ability to work with vulnerable populations under sometimes stressful circumstances; experience working with people experiencing homelessness valuable but not necessary
- Valid WA State Driver's License or ability to obtain one strongly preferred

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY WORKSPACE

Here at Thurston Conservation District our employees and the people we serve come from all walks of life. We strive to hire and work with great people from a wide variety of backgrounds. We believe in the importance of recognizing the value that each of us contributes to the success of the District's mission. Having a diverse workforce is the District's greatest resource of strength and knowledge. It is through the combination of talents and abilities that we can pursue finding effective ways to best serve our community. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace for everyone. All employees, interns, and volunteers receive consideration without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. Please let us know if you need accommodation to participate in the application process.

SCHEDULE & WORKING CONDITIONS:

This internship is temporary and offers a \$1000 stipend. Internships are generally part-time (10 hours per week maximum) with flexible work hours. Thurston Conservation District has the flexibility to work with school or program internship requirements to support interns in meeting their academic goals and requirements. Local travel, occasional evening and weekend hours are likely and negotiable.

TO APPLY:

Share a copy of your resume, two references, and any information about why you're interested in this internship to nwhite@thurstoncd.com. Put **YOUR NAME Community Garden Ambassador** in the subject line.