

Genesis Gardens

Farm Apprentice Position



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Position: Farm Apprentice

Length of Commitment: Sept. 5 - Nov. 18

Application Deadline: Monday, August 21

Location: East Austin, TX

Website: <http://mlf.org/community-works/>

Who We Are:

Genesis Gardens is a diversified, sustainable farm at Community First! Village, a community built for the chronically homeless of Austin. The farm includes annual vegetables, chickens, goats, fruit and nut trees, bees and cut flowers. We grow food with and for our neighbors at Community First!, cultivating and sharing it freely to build community, relationships and nourishment for those most in need of it.

Apprenticeship Program:

We are looking for four fall season apprentices that are excited to learn about sustainable agriculture in practice and as a tool to empower marginalized communities. Apprentices will work 8-12 hours a week to work alongside our farm staff and formerly homeless garden crew. While you will get experience in all aspects of sustainable agriculture, we offer three different specializations you can focus on:

- **Annual vegetable production:** including no-till production methods, soil health, planting, pest management, harvesting, washing and market stand coordination, and fruit tree care.
- **Pastured poultry:** brooding, healthcare, pasture management, egg grading and handling and record keeping.
- **Greenhouse & Propagation:** annual vegetable propagation and transplant care, perennial landscape plant propagation, succulent propagation and sales, and cut flower cultivation and sales.

The heart of our program is the formerly homeless men and women that we serve, so beyond the farming knowledge you receive, we aim to have you learn from, teach, laugh with and build deep relationships and challenge your perspectives through working alongside our team.

Commitment:

The apprenticeship will run from September 5th - November 18th. Apprentices choose between Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings (8:30-12:30) or Thursday afternoons (12:45-4:15) for a total of 8 to 12 hours/week. We expect apprentices to be punctual, capable of working alone and with a team, able to lift 30 lbs and work in the Texas heat.

Compensation:

This is a part time, seasonal, unpaid volunteer position. Apprentices will receive experience in sustainable agriculture, leadership, and relationship building. Apprentices also have access to vegetables and flowers grown at Genesis Gardens.

To Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter to heidi@mlf.org. Please include Genesis Gardens Apprenticeship in your subject line and which area of specialization you would like choose.