

## Community Gardening Internship 2019

**Position Title:** Community Gardening Program Intern

**Position Reports to:** Executive Director

**Employment Status:** Temporary, unpaid

**Start Date:** Spring through summer, part-time



### About The GardenWorks Project:

The GardenWorks Project is a suburban agriculture non-profit serving DuPage County. Our mission is to empower, educate, and promote organic suburban agriculture to improve the wellbeing of our community, the environment, and families facing food insecurity. We support all gardeners in their efforts to grow and prepare food for themselves and their neighbors in need.

### Summary of Position:

The position will help establish and maintain a community garden in DuPage County to promote civic engagement health and wellness within the community. The intern will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Manage the season's garden, which includes volunteer recruitment, partnership building, and ongoing garden maintenance throughout the growing season.
- 2) Determine a course of action for the proceeds of the harvest to promote nutrition and better health for the greater community.
- 3) Visit three area community gardens in the region, and provide reports on successes and challenges, best-practices, and qualitative impact on the community.
- 4) Donate harvests to community partners agencies receiving food for food insecure clients.
- 5) Meet with partners, local growers/farmers and public health officials to develop best-practices and complete final report of recommendations on the community gardening movement within the local food system.
- 6) All other additional duties as assigned.

The intern will report directly to the Executive Director.

### Qualifications & Skills:

- Strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Must be flexible in regard to work hours. Some evening and weekend work required.
- Ability to drive, preferred if equipped with a reliable vehicle.
- Physical needs of the job: sitting, standing and lifting.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather (heat, humidity, rain and cold) and ability to pick up.
- Willingness to work independently and also cooperate as part of a team.
- A commitment to food justice and The GardenWorks Project's mission.

The GardenWorks Project is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or belief. We believe there is a place in the garden for all. We will offer resources and support to gardeners to create the world we want to see - well-nourished and free from hate, discrimination, and harassment.