

Food Literacy Project Seeks Farm-Based Educators for the 2015 Growing Season

JOB OPENING: Farm-Based Educator

TERMS: Seasonal, Non-Exempt position: 10-25 hours/week from early March through mid-November, 2015.

COMPENSATION: \$10/hour

THE ORGANIZATION

The Food Literacy Project is the nonprofit education partner to a vegetable farm in Louisville, KY whose mission is **inspiring a new generation to build healthy relationships with food, farming and the land**. Founded in 2006, the Food Literacy Project offers farm based education programs, professional development for educators, family programs, and entrepreneurial youth development programming. Program participants (typically K-12, with occasional pre-K and adult groups) visit our working vegetable farm to learn about fresh healthy food and the soil where it grows while using all their senses to explore the farm. While all Food Literacy Project programs bring the Field-to-Fork experience to life for our participants, our teaching staff and volunteers customize each program to meet the learning needs of the diverse groups we serve.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Farm-Based Educators (FBEs) deliver direct service on Oxmoor Farm and at local schools and community centers, planning and leading hands-on education activities with youth and adults. FBEs also maintain our program areas, and lead volunteer projects. The majority of work is done outdoors and can be physically demanding (walking, lifting, kneeling, crouching, etc.) FBEs also help with office tasks associated with managing a small nonprofit, including mailings, running errands, printing of newsletters and other publications, managing program supplies and other tasks as needed.



Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree preferred, or equivalent experience.
- Experience teaching or working with children or the desire to learn.
- Experience with diverse populations, especially at-risk youth, is beneficial.
- Must pass criminal background check.
- Be physically able to participate in and lead farm and garden work projects, and to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
- Shares a commitment to Food Literacy Project's mission.
- Experience as a volunteer or paid staff for a small, community-based non-profit organization.
- Self-directed and organized, with excellent communication skills.
- Adaptability, creativity, and independence, with a willingness to seek and accept direction as appropriate.
- Background in or interest in farming, sustainable agriculture, community food security, cooking, and/or nutrition are also assets.



TO APPLY

Send resume and cover letter, along with 5 references (3 professional and 2 personal) to Kitty Nowak, Program Director. Hardcopy submissions are preferred (9001 Limehouse Lane, Louisville, KY 40222), but electronic applications are accepted by email: kitty@foodliteracyproject.org. Applications will be accepted until Monday, February 9th 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The Food Literacy Project is an Equal Opportunity Employer:

The Food Literacy Project emphasizes diversity in both our programs and our staff, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran in accordance with applicable federal laws.