**What is the Youth Community Agriculture Program?**

The Youth Community Agriculture Program is a 12-week employment opportunity during which you will learn more about growing, harvesting, and sharing fresh vegetables with fellow community members; develop new culinary skills; learn more about local food system issues; and practice leadership skills while supporting implementation of Field-to-Fork clubs.

During a typical week you will work with The Food Literacy Project at the farm – 7910 Canna Drive (enter through Paradise Lane)- and partner sites 12-15 hours/week.

**What does a workday look like?**

On a typical workday, you may:

· Plant and harvest vegetables, distribute vegetables to community members

· Prep fields for new plantings

· Make connections with the community by leading farm tours, hosting field trips, canvassing around the neighborhood, working with volunteers and participating in community engagement events

· Cook a new recipe

· Prepare a Farm Veggie Share for 20-40 3rd-5th graders for Field-to-Fork Club

· Work with the Program Coordinator to help lead the Field-to-Fork clubs with 3rd-8th graders

· Meet with community partners to learn about how they’re impacting the Louisville food system

· Participate in workshops and discussions with your peers and guest speakers about the food system

All while getting PAID!

*“YCAP has made me a harder worker and a better person than I used to be.”*

*“All of us on the YCAP crew are like crops—we grow with the help of rain, which is our learning, and there’s no stopping growth until we’re perfect human beings.”*

*“I really learned how to do a lot of things that I wouldn't have been able to do/wouldn't have felt comfortable trying on my own. Pushing my limits, being outside/active, and making new connections was very impactful and made me realize I'm more capable than I thought.”*

**For more information, visit our website:** [**www.foodliteracyproject.org**](https://foodliteracyproject.org/programs/youth-community-agriculture-program/community-food-leaders/)

**To apply to be a Community Food Leader:** <https://forms.gle/nTC5LN9yg9D6rtpp6>

**For questions: contact Gabriella Hohman, Program Manager at** **gabriella@foodliteracyproject.org**

**Youth Community Agriculture Program**

**Position:** Community Food Leader/Crew Member

**Responsibilities:**

 Over the course of 12 weeks crew members are expected to:

* Work 4 days per week - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at The FLP Farm 4-7PM

Tuesdays at a JCPS partner site 4-6:30PM (March 11th – May 30th, 2024)

* Plant, cultivate and harvest vegetables using organic and regenerative methods at The FLP Farm
* Prepare Farm Veggie Shares for community members
* Meet virtually and in person with community members to lead farm tours, cooking demonstrations, and field trips
* Investigate and share knowledge with community members about food justice issues that affect the Louisville community
* Enthusiastically participate in workshops to deepen understanding of social justice, food justice, and the culinary arts in Louisville
* Demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility, dependability and punctuality
* Submit a weekly timesheet to your supervisor
* Adhere to the Food Literacy Project’s Health and Safety Guidelines and Behavioral Standards
* Maintain a strong work ethic throughout the entire 12 weeks.

**Job Importance:**

The mission of the Food Literacy Project is youth transforming their communities through food, farming, and the land. We envision a healthy and equitable community where people and places thrive. YCAP seeks to cultivate a new generation of leaders by engaging youth in growing, cooking and marketing fresh foods, exploring the food system and building food justice in their own community. Using food as a vehicle for personal growth and social change, we inspire young people to take an active role in their food system and create a healthier community.

**Compensation:** $14.50/hour for new crew members, $15/hour after 2 completed sessions, paid via direct deposit every two weeks.

**Qualifications:**

* 15 – 21 years of age and resident of Jefferson County, Louisville, KY.
* Must have applied to the Food Literacy Project: <https://forms.gle/nTC5LN9yg9D6rtpp6>
* Ability to perform rigorous and demanding outdoor physical farm labor including: digging, bending, lifting (less than 50 lbs.), squatting and kneeling in Kentucky spring and summer conditions.
* Prepared to work outside in all types of weather.
* Interest in food systems, building the local food economy, food access, cooking, sustainable agriculture, the environment & community service.
* Openness to personal growth & desire to build job and leadership skills.
* Ability to work and communicate in a team as well as independently.

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