



## Part-time Garden Educator at Gardeneers

Who are we? Gardeneers is a nonprofit organization, and our mission is to cultivate customized school garden programs to ensure that each space and the students and communities who care for it connect with healthy food and grow to their full potential. Founded in 2014, we now sustain 25 school gardens, primarily on the south and west sides of Chicago. From Spring through Fall, we work with more than 2,200 students on a weekly basis, teaching lessons on nutrition, community, and nature through hands-on lessons in the garden.

Who are you? First and foremost, you believe in our mission, and you want to work tirelessly towards achieving it. In addition, you have

- previous experience in an education setting with students, formal or informal
- previous experience with small-scale agriculture, urban agriculture, school or home gardening
- competency working with diverse communities and enjoys working with people
- passion for food justice, youth development and urban farming
- positive attitude, strong work ethic and ability to take feedback
- energetic and creative in the face of changing school and garden conditions
- willing to work as part of a team in a collaborative environment, but have the ability to work unsupervised to complete the job
- ability to pass a background check
- ability to lift 25 pounds and remain active and on your feet for extended periods.
- access to laptop, tablet, or other computing device and internet connection
- access to reliable transportation to and from assigned schools (bike or CTA ok)
- Proficiency in Google suite
- Spanish language skills (preferred)

What will you do?

- Lead students in productive, informative, and transformative programming around the Gardeneers branches of Nutrition, Community, and Nature
- Be an integral part of school communication during the entire growing season and send out weekly update emails during programming (March-November)
- Ensure beauty and productivity of school gardens
- Organize Community Days at assigned schools
- Maintain accurate records on each assigned school including (but not limited to): logs, contact info for school contact and volunteers, pictures of students and gardens
- Attend weekly team meetings (Mondays 9-11am)
- Communicate regularly and effectively with fellow garden educators and management and

How do you apply? Email Alex Rosen ([alex@gardeneers.org](mailto:alex@gardeneers.org)) with a résumé, cover letter and two (2) references. This is a seasonal position (March-November) and hours will depend on availability (likely 15-20 hours/ week) but fluctuate throughout the growing season. Starting compensation is \$15/hr, with \$30/ mo travel stipend and paid development opportunities.

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