



Growing Markets Internship Butler Township Community Garden

The following description outlines the responsibilities of the Growing Markets Internship position for the Butler Township Community Garden.

Intern Responsibilities

Market Garden Operations: Working under the direction of the Market Garden Manager and the CLDS President, the CLDS Intern is responsible for assistance with market garden operations, to include preparation of the areas to be planted for market garden production, transplanting, direct seeding, weed management, irrigation, pest management, harvesting, post-harvest handling, produce sales at the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market, record-keeping, and other tasks incidental to community garden management and operations.

Duration

This ten week internship will commence the end of May and continue through mid-August. The schedule allows for two weeks of vacation if needed.

Time Commitment

The Intern will commit to dedicating an average of 20 hours/week (not to exceed 200 hours total), weather permitting, towards market garden management. The intern will agree to provide a proposed weekly work schedule to the Market Garden Manager and CLDS President at least one week in advance.

Stipend

In exchange for services, the Intern will receive \$10/hour based upon actual hours worked (not to exceed \$2,000 stipend total).

Taxes and Insurance

The Internship position shall be regarded as an “independent contractor” position. Therefore the Intern shall be responsible for providing his/her own medical insurance, auto insurance, and paying taxes on any income earned. The CLDS will issue the Intern a 1099 at the end of the calendar year for tax purposes. The CLDS will maintain general liability coverage and product insurance for operations at the Butler Township Community Garden.

Internship Credit

If needed by the Intern’s academic institution, a Learning Objectives Contract or equivalent contract will be developed as needed to fulfill the intern’s academic requirements.

Qualifications: At a minimum, candidates should have organic gardening experience, an interest in local and organically raised food, a mature and responsible work ethic with strong organizational and communication skills, be in good health, have physical endurance, enjoy working outdoors, and be able to work independently. Manual labor is required (participants should be able to lift 40 lbs). Candidates should also be able to operate a tiller and a garden tractor (training will be provided), and provide their own transportation to/from the garden and the downtown Hazleton Farmers Market (optional).

About the Garden: The market garden is part of the 1.3 acre Bulter Township Community Garden, which is managed by volunteers of the Center for Landscape Design & Stewardship, a 501c3

organization. The market garden has been in production for six years with established CSA customers. It includes cultivated beds as well as two high tunnels (one used for germination and one used for cultivation). The garden is fenced and has water available for drip irrigation. Drip lines are available. A garden tractor is also available for use.

To Apply: Submit letter of interest to Krista Schneider at locus@ptd.net. For more information about the Butler Township Community Garden and the Market Garden program visit: www.DigCLDS.org or call or 570-578-5903.