

Fertile GroundWorks' mission is to help improve food security within our community by using our main teaching garden as a hands-on education venue to teach and empower people and communities to increase their health, wellbeing, and self-reliance by growing food for themselves and others, organically and sustainably. Produce grown during these lessons from our garden is given to local food pantries and partnering organizations across our area to help improve access to healthy foods to our neighbors in need. Fertile Groundworks also champions locally grown food and facilitates the creation and sustainable operation of community, school and employee gardens.

<https://www.fertilegroundworks.org/>

Job Description:

Work with devoted staff and a wide diversity of volunteers to maintain Fertile GroundWorks' 15,000 sq ft of cultivated bed space, 110 fruit and nut tree orchard year round to help grow the 25,000 – 30,000 pounds of fresh produce we give away.

The position requires a committed self-starter who enjoys working with others and can change gears quickly to balance volunteer needs with the completion of the day's chores. The job requires the ability to lift 50lbs, and ideally a candidate who has some plant propagation experience or garden experience to share with volunteers. Proficiency in working with google drive, Excel and Word a plus.

Our current shifts are:

Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30am to 2pm

Friday 2:30pm~6:30pm (or sunset whichever comes first, during the winter months we are done by 4/5pm most days)

Saturday (mandatory) 8:30am to 5pm

Occasional Tues/Wed afternoon shifts and Thursday shifts to accommodate corporate group schedules.

Minimum 23 hours per week

Report to Executive Director, Brenda Kusler

Shift duties include but not limited to:

Opening the garden for a shift:

Check the chores list to see what needs to be accomplished for each shift, and communicate any added chores.

Staging equipment, supplies and paperwork for volunteer arrival.

Greet volunteers as they arrive and help them complete needed sign-ins.

Orient new volunteers, teach them how to accomplish the day's goals and work with them to help them succeed in completing their assigned chores.

Closing shifts:

Finish off any chores not completed during the shift

Clean and return tools and supplies.
Help maintain daily garden logs

If interested please send experience to Brenda.kusler@fertilegroundworks.org and lori.pohlmann@fertilegroundworks.org