



## MOUNTAIN ROOTS EDUCATION

Job Title: Garden Educator

Job Description: As a Garden Educator, you will play a vital role in providing farm, garden, and nutrition education for local students. Your primary responsibility will be to develop and deliver engaging garden-based educational programs, integrating hands-on experiences with core academic subjects. You will have the opportunity to inspire and empower students to develop a deep appreciation for nature, healthy food choices, and environmental stewardship.

Responsibilities:

- **Curriculum Development:** Develop garden-based educational curricula that are aligned with academic standards and incorporate subjects such as science, math, environmental studies, and nutrition.
- **Lesson Planning and Delivery:** Design and implement interactive lessons and activities that encourage students' active participation and foster a love for nature and knowledge of where their food comes from. Adapt teaching methods to accommodate diverse learning styles and age groups, and make sure they get their hands dirty!
- **Garden Management:** Assist with the maintenance and development of school gardens, ensuring they are safe, productive, and accessible. Coordinate with school staff, students, and volunteers to plan and implement garden projects, including planting, harvesting, and composting.
- **Classroom Integration:** Collaborate with teachers to integrate garden-based learning into the existing curriculum. Provide support and resources to help teachers incorporate garden-related activities and concepts into their lessons as desired.
- **Community Outreach:** Collaborate with parents, community organizations, and local businesses to foster partnerships that support the school garden program.

Help to organize and participate in community events in the school garden to promote the benefits of gardening and healthy eating.

- Documentation and Evaluation: Maintain accurate records of program activities and outcomes. Help to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of garden-based education programs, making adjustments as needed to enhance learning outcomes.

## Qualifications

### Required:

- Prior experience working with students in an educational or outdoor setting.
- Passion for environmental education and a strong commitment to promoting sustainability.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage students, teachers, and the community.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Flexibility and adaptability to work with diverse student populations and school environments.
- Familiarity with educational standards and curriculum development.
- Physical ability to perform garden-related tasks, including lifting, bending, and working outdoors in various weather conditions.
- Ability to pass a background check.

### Preferred:

- Bachelor's degree in education, environmental science, horticulture, or a related field.
- Knowledge of garden management, organic gardening practices, and sustainable agriculture (strongly preferred, but not required).
- First aid and CPR certification.

### Benefits:

- \$25/hr for varying amounts of hours. This position is seasonal with the majority of the hours in spring and fall. The position is typically 32 hours/week from mid-April to June and from early September to mid-October, with 20 hours/week for 2 weeks ahead and after each of those 5-week seasons. There is the possibility of additional hours including 32 hours/week from June to September.
- Professional development opportunities in gardening and garden education.

- Opportunity to make a meaningful impact on students' education and community wellness.

Application Process: Please submit a resume and cover letter highlighting your qualifications and interest in the position to [info@mountainrootseducation.org](mailto:info@mountainrootseducation.org)

Note: This job description is intended to convey information essential to understanding the scope of the role and is not exhaustive. Duties may evolve based on program needs and the successful candidate's skills and interests. We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion in our workplace.