

Produce Project Farm Assistant



Looking for more from a seasonal farm position? Join us at the Produce Project, a two acre organically managed farm in downtown Troy, NY. Since 2009 we have been using its high tunnels, market garden, flower border, and small orchard to transmit valuable life and job skills to high school youth. Join our committed staff, interns, and youth leaders as we bring our harvest to market, build community, and help chart a new path for 20 students this summer. This seasonal position runs for 30 weeks from April through October, with regular shifts Tuesday through Saturday and a 40 hour week. The Farm Assistant reports to the Produce Project Farm Manager.

Salary and Benefits: Resources and time are committed to professional development and we are interested in playing to the strengths of the applicant and encouraging their interests, with the intent of improving their experience and continuing the evolution of our program. Pay is \$13 hourly and includes a weekly produce share as well as snacks and communal meals during the summer session. Although Troy is a vibrant up and coming city, it remains quite affordable and our parent organization, Capital Roots, has 40 years of contacts useful in assisting with housing and making you feel at home if you are new to the area. Within this growing organization there are many paths to advancement.

Qualifications and Skills: The applicant must be a problem-solver capable of working hard on their own, as well as cooperatively with others. Although training is thorough, we prefer at least one season of farm experience. Youth experience, familiarity with small engines, carpentry etc. are all appreciated, as are enthusiasm, communication, and a sunny disposition! Applicants need a Driver's License with a clean record and the ability to lift 40 pounds.

Responsibilities include:

- Working with and taking instruction from the Produce Project Farmer, in sowing, transplanting, harvesting etc., to maximize production and farm income
- Working with staff, interns, and student leaders to help mentor and provide oversight to youth
- Maintaining and using farm infrastructure, equipment and necessary records, including our high tunnels, BCS tractor, and information related to GAP certification
- Preparing for and managing groups during weekly volunteer hours



About Capital Roots

Since 1975, Capital Roots has worked to reduce the impact of poor nutrition on public health by organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutritional and horticultural education for all ages, and coordinating urban greening programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and southern Saratoga Counties. **To learn more, go to www.capitalroots.org.** Capital Roots is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a multicultural workplace and will not discriminate in our hiring on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

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