

Racine Area Youth Farm Corp Internship

The Eco-Justice Center looks to carry its environmental stewardship into the future by equipping tomorrow's conservation leaders with the skill necessary to sustain a vibrant local food movement. Eco-J's Racine Area Youth Farm Corps program is seeking energetic adults to intern for the growing season and learn small-scale market gardening through our sustainable local food and farming initiative program. Participants will grow, cook, promote and market healthy food raised on an educational farm.



1. **Work on the farm** to grow, eat and distribute vegetables to our on-site programs, along with farmers' market sales and community donations. Learn to grow using sustainable organic practices in the field and in a hoop house: plant, cultivate, harvest, wash/pack along with farmer market setup and sales.
2. **Serve as an empowering leader** and ambassador for food security by contributing to a local and just food system.
3. **Develop leadership skills** while working within a collaborative team.
4. **Other opportunities:** occasionally lead and interact with summer camp children ages 6-14; farm work may include animal chores for alpacas, goats, chickens, and geese.
5. **Note:** Housing not provided.

Requirements

1. Adults (ages 20+) who are energetic, reliable, and have a demonstrated interest in sustainable agriculture.
2. Must be willing to work outdoors in all conditions and have reliable transportation.
3. Must be a hard-working team player interested in learning organic agriculture, growing healthy food, leadership development and making an impact toward improving local food security.
4. Exhibit consistent skills - positive attitude, initiative, emotional maturity, self-responsibility and a desire to develop professional characteristics.
5. Physical requirements - Must be able to bend, crouch, and stand for extended periods as farming requires strength and stamina. Ability to lift 50 lbs., work in the soil, handle farm tools, and be outside in all weather conditions.
6. Program preference is given to residents of Racine County or outlying area.
7. International applicants must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. without Eco-Justice Center sponsorship.
8. **Minimum commitment:** 13 weeks (between Mid-May – mid-August, averaging 32 hrs/wk)

Pay Rate and Dates of Employment

Pay rate: \$12.00 per hour (7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.; 32 – 40 hrs/wk); flexibility for attending weekend farmers markets is appreciated.

Start & end dates: mid-May – mid-August (with possible option to work limited hours beginning in April and extending through October)

Application Process

- **EMAIL: Cover letter and resume** to Dawn DeMuyt, dawn@ecojusticecenter.org by **5:00pm, April 2, 2021. SUBJECT LINE: 2021 Farm Corp Internship**
- **IF YOU QUALIFY FOR AN INTERVIEW:** You must be available for an **April** interview date and **provide 2 letters of recommendation** at the time of the interview.
- **NOTIFICATION OF POSITION:** Applicants will be notified about hiring decisions by the end of April. Applicants who receive a position will be required to pass a background check and physical.
- **QUESTIONS: Email Dawn** dawn@ecojusticecenter.org.

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