



USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program 2017 Summer Farmers' Market Internship Application

Internship Summary:

- Internship dates: June 26, – August 25, 2017
- Paid Internship: \$10.10/hour
- 12-16 hours/week
- Deadline for applications is June 11, 2017
- High School Juniors and Seniors are eligible

Background: In 2015, Ledge Light Health District (LLHD) was awarded a USDA Farmers' Market Promotion Grant to expand and enhance farmers' markets in the cities of New London and Groton, CT and support markets countywide with the Eat Fresh New London County Project. The goal is to improve nutrition among residents and support local farms in their efforts to participate in local and economically viable farmers' markets. Among strategies to accomplish this, LLHD created a part-time, paid, summer Farmers' Market Internship Program, where students interested in agriculture can gain practical experience working at both a local farm and a farmers' market.

Farmers' Market Intern Program Overview:

Farmers' Market Interns will make a valuable contribution to local agriculture by assisting farmers in harvesting, packaging, preparing and transporting produce and other farm produced foods for the farmers' markets in New London and Groton City. Interns will spend approximately 50% of their time working at the farm and 50% at one of two farmers' markets. There they will learn product display and market managing skills, such as selling farm products, educating customers and promoting other farm programs, e.g., CSAs, farm stands, etc. Interested high school juniors and seniors at Ledyard High School Agriculture Science Program, Ella Grasso Technical School, Fitch High School Botany classes, Bacon Academy, and Science and Technology High School of SECT can submit applications for one of three Farmers' Market Intern positions.

Farmers' Market Interns will work side-by-side with participating farmers, exploring agriculture as a career, supporting farmers on market days and learning market management. The Internship Program runs from June 26 – August 25, 2017. The rate of pay is \$10.10/hour.

Farmers Markets will operate from 3-6pm on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. Interns will work 12-16 hours per/week and will be assigned to one of three participating farms. Farmers will decide which of the following markets they will attend from July – October 2017.

- Tuesdays, 3-6pm at Washington Park in Groton City

- Fridays, 3-6pm at Williams Park in New London

Orientation: Week one will consist of an orientation with fellow interns. The orientation will include LLHD employee policies and I.D. badging, a visit to all three participating farms for a farm tour, public health and agriculture regulations, and a tour of market locations in Groton and New London. During the following weeks Interns will work directly with their assigned farm under the joint supervision of the farmer and Ms. Cindy Barry, Senior Program Coordinator at Ledge Light Health District.

Participating Farms:

This year, Ledge Light Health District will place Interns at one of the following three farms: Cold Spring Farm in East Haddam, CT, Whittle's Willow Spring Farm in Groton, CT and Wehpittituck Farm in Stonington, CT. Here is a short description of our participating farms:

COLD SPRING FARM: Cold Spring Farm is a beyond organic family farm on over 300 acres in East Haddam, Connecticut. With 15 acres of diverse vegetable crops, 800 laying hens, beef cows, pigs, and dairy goats, the farm is a diverse operation that also promotes sustainability awareness and provides educational opportunities. In addition, Cold Spring Farm operates a 60-member Summer CSA and a growing Winter CSA, while maintaining several wholesale accounts, a farm stand, area farmers' markets, and a farm food delivery service. Farmer Jessica Stone and her staff from Cold Spring Farm will participate at the Field of Greens Market Farmers' Market, selling a variety of farm fresh produce and eggs, and may sell value added items, such as jams and salsas, coffee, flax seed, cheeses and more. Cold Spring Farm accepts a select group of responsible, hard-working, and enthusiastic Interns for the 2017 Growing Season. Interns will learn about and participate in the production, harvest and distribution of crops, and will work side by side with the farm crew to take on daily responsibilities.

WHITTLES WILLOW SPRING FARM: "Whittles", simply referred to by longtime residents of Groton, CT, is the last commercial farm in the town of Groton, passed down for five generations. Whittle's has acres of fruits and vegetables like squash, corn, pumpkins, tomatoes, etc. not to mention beautiful orchards of many apple varieties. Whittle's offers a pick-your-own during apple and pumpkin season. They have a farm store at the farm and operate multiple farm stands at various locations in Groton. Whittle's was one of the first farms in New London County to sell to local schools and has been a champion for the Farm to School movement. Rick Whittle and his son Phil can be found managing the farm, while Kelsey helps take the farm to the community. Whittle Willow Spring Farm will participate at the Field of Greens Market on Tuesdays in Groton CT.

WEHPITTITUCK FARM: Wehpittituck Farm is a five-acre farm in Stonington, CT. Wehpittituck Farm has been operated by Farmer Jimmy Moran, for the last five seasons. Wehpittituck sits near the Quiambog Cove - a perfect location for growing all kinds of flowers, fruits and vegetables and of course raising chickens for fresh eggs. Wehpittituck supports a roadside farm stand at the farm and is in the process of expanding the number of farmers' markets they attend in New London County.

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Full Legal Name:

Full Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Are you legally authorized to work in the United States? Yes No

Note: If you are selected as an intern/volunteer, you will be required to submit proof of legal right to work in the United States

Are you over 18 years of age? Yes No

Note: If not, you may be required to submit verification of minimum legal age and any required work permits.

Do you have a valid Driver's License: Yes, no restrictions

Yes, with restrictions on carrying passengers

No

Who should we notify in case of emergency?

Name:

Relationship:

Contact Number:

Have you ever been employed by or volunteered with Ledge Light Health District or any local farm before? Yes No

If yes, give dates and position(s): _____

Do you need credit for your internship? Yes No

If yes, please note:

The number of hours needed:

The date the service must be completed by:

The name of the organization the service will be reported to:

Please attach a documentation of the program requirements and any paperwork to be completed by our organization if you are selected as an intern.

On which days are you available to intern? S M T W T F S

At which times are you available to intern? Morning Afternoon Evening

What dates are you available to intern?

Starting:

Ending:

What languages do you speak, read and write?

Which grade will you be completing in June 2017?

Please describe your interest in agriculture: (Feel free to attach an additional page(s))

Please describe your academic experience that has prepared you for a Farmers Market Intern position:
(Feel free to attach an additional page(s))

Please describe any employment that you have had that relates to the field of agriculture/farmers
markets:
(Feel free to attach an additional page(s))

Please attach two letters of reference. One must be from a teacher or guidance counselor.

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Please mail all applications and supporting letters of reference to:

Cindy Barry, Senior Program Coordinator
Ledge Light Health District,
216 Broad Street
New London, CT 06320.

For information or questions call 860-448-4882 ext. 302.

Applicant Statement:

I certify that all information on this application and any other material I have provided in order to apply for and secure a Farmers Market Internship position with Ledge Light Health District is true, complete and correct. I understand and agree that any information provided by me that is found to be false, incomplete or misrepresented in any respect, will be sufficient cause to (i) cancel further consideration

of this application, or (ii) immediately discharge me from the employer's service, whenever it is discovered.

I understand that Ledge Light Health District does not unlawfully discriminate in employment and no question on this application is used for the purpose of limiting or excusing any applicant from consideration for employment on a basis prohibited by applicable local, state or federal law.

I understand that nothing in this application, in Ledge Light Health District's statements or personnel guidelines, or in my communications with any Ledge Light Health District official is intended to create an employment contract between Ledge Light Health District and me. I also understand that Ledge Light Health District has the right to modify its policies without giving me any notice of the change(s).

I understand that if I intern with Ledge Light Health District I will be bound by all applicable policies and procedures.

I certify that I have read, fully understand and accept all terms of the foregoing Applicant Statement.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____