Dickinson College Organic Farm Application 2019-2020 Academic Year

SUSTANABLE EARTH EDUCATION YOUTH EDUCATOR POSITION

The Dickinson College Farm is looking for a student with a passion for experiential youth education to be the coordinator of our education program, Sustainable Earth Education (SEED). SEED classes cater to local youth groups and school classes ranging from kindergarten to high school from the Carlisle community. The SEED coordinator works to create relevant lessons based on topic requests and state standards and works with volunteers to teach these classes. SEED classes use the bountiful resources at the farm to create an experiential, playful and sensory educational experience focused how nourishing food moves from seed to soil to our tables.

The coordinator is expected to spend 6-10 hours a week developing SEED as well as building their own skills as a farm-based educator. The position is supported by the Farm’s Education and Outreach Coordinator. It is not necessary to have experience in education or sustainable agriculture to fill this position, a passion to learn and teach is all we ask!

**Name: Graduating Class:**

**E-mail: Phone:**

Please answer the following questions and return your application to halpinj@dickinson.edu by April 1th.

1. Please explain your reason(s) for applying for the Farm-Based Youth Educator position with the College farm.
2. Do you have any prior experience with farming or gardening? If so, please describe.

Do you have any experience working with children ages 5-16? If so, what was the context?

Please explain any experience with curriculum development, teaching, and/or youth-based education.

1. Do you have experience with recruiting, managing and retaining volunteers? If so, in what capacity and what techniques have you used?
2. Please describe any experience you have with working with youth from diverse backgrounds.

If you do not have volunteer management experience, how do you envision locating and recruiting volunteers plus keeping them engaged?

1. How would you describe your work ethic?
2. Please list some of your strengths and weaknesses as they relate to this position.
3. Please provide the name of one on-campus reference (professor, work supervisor, or counselor).
4. Are you eligible for work-study?
5. Please list the times that you are available for an interview during the school week.

Thank you!