



Part-Time Position with Growing Hope

FARMERS MARKET ASSISTANT

Growing Hope is a 17-year-old non-profit organization rooted in Ypsilanti, Michigan whose mission is to foster an equitable and sustainable local food system that empowers all people to grow, buy, sell, prepare, and eat nourishing food. We envision a community where all people--particularly those with barriers due to race, class, culture, language, ability, and mobility--have access to nourishing local food that is culturally appropriate and affordable.

Growing Hope manages two weekly open-air farmers markets from May-October. We also operate the Ypsi Area Online Market, which provides low/no-contact pickup options for market customers year-round.

Position Description:

We are looking for someone who is passionate about connecting Ypsilanti area residents with local foods. This position requires in-person interaction with vendors and the community, physical set-up and tear-down of market equipment, and computer skills. No academic degree or prior experience required. This is a year-round part time position with 20 hours per week November through April, and 30 hours per week May through October. Must be available on most market days: Tuesdays 12pm - 8pm (year-round), Saturdays 6:30 am-2pm (May - October) Pay is hourly at a rate of \$16 per hour.

Position Responsibilities:

- Market-day operations including set-up and take-down of market tents, signage, and equipment
- Drive market truck and trailer with equipment to market on Saturdays
- Enforce rules and regulations and manage conflicts at the market
- Operate food assistance token program with interns and volunteers
- Assist with data collection, entry, and reporting
- Provide technical assistance to vendors selling through the Ypsi Area Online Market
- Assist in aggregation and distribution of local food through the Ypsi Area Online Market
- Additional duties based on interest and ability may include: social media management, community outreach, food and nutrition policy work, volunteer management

Qualifications:

- Ability to do physical market set-up and tear-down
- Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record
- Available to work market days Tuesday and Saturday
- Comfortable adjusting to variable work conditions (i.e. all weather types) and changing priorities
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Outstanding customer service skills
- Proficient math and computer skill
- Preferred background/knowledge in Ypsilanti, local food systems and/or food assistance programs
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn new skills

To Apply:

Position open until filled. Submit resume, or description of relevant experience, and a letter detailing your interest in the position, with 3 references (professional or personal) to Apply@growinghope.net.

Growing Hope encourages people of color and individuals who possess an in-depth understanding of poverty or economic hardship to apply. We welcome a diverse pool of applicants and make employment decisions on the basis of merit. We do not discriminate potential employees based on race, creed, age, physical ability, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status.

Accommodations will be made so that the application process and position is made accessible for qualified applicants.