

Edible Schoolyard NYC Fall Garden Volunteer Program

About Edible Schoolyard NYC

Edible Schoolyard NYC provides underserved NYC public school students with an experiential, interdisciplinary seed-to-table education in order to transform their relationship with food. Our goal is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and environment required to make healthier choices and change the way they eat...for life.

Position Description

The Garden Volunteer Program is a minimum of 6 out of 9 week commitment that runs September-mid November during the fall semester at P.S. 216 in Gravesend, Brooklyn. Working under the supervision of the Garden Manager, the volunteer assists with garden maintenance; cultivates food grown for the kitchen classroom; and models positive behavior in the outdoor learning classroom, which inspires wonder and respect for the environment, each other, and their health.

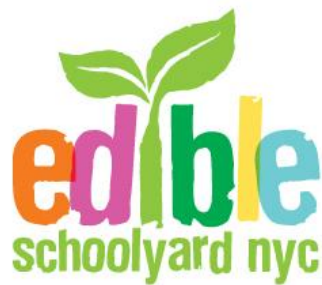
Semester-long volunteers have the opportunity to develop and share skills related to growing organic food in an urban environment, and will work alongside equally enthusiastic advocates of edible education. **This is not a teaching position.**

Responsibilities may include:

- Assisting in composting, mulching, crop rotation, pruning, irrigation, sowing seeds, weeding, and putting the garden to bed for the winter season
- Assisting in maintenance of garden facilities and equipment
- Assisting with weekly harvest for P.S. 216 farm stand (Thursday volunteers only)
- Develop a weekly work plan with Garden Manager to suit specific interests and skill sets

Duration

The Fall Garden Volunteer Program is a three-month unpaid program, which takes place on Tuesdays (from 10 AM to 2 PM) and Thursdays (from 12 PM to 4 PM). Applicants can



choose to commit to either or both days, based on availability and interest level. The program begins the week of September 22nd and concludes the week of November 17th.

Application Information

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume with “Fall Garden Volunteer Program” in the subject line to op@esynyc.org. Please specify which mandatory volunteer orientation day you are able to attend (options are Tuesday September 16th from 10 am-2 pm and Thursday September 18th from 12-4 pm), why you are interested in this opportunity, and any relevant work experience. Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 12th, 2014. Selected applicants must pass a background check. No phone calls or drop-ins, please.