



## **Edible Schoolyard NYC Spring Garden Volunteer Program**

### **About Edible Schoolyard NYC**

Edible Schoolyard NYC transforms the hearts, minds and eating habits of young New Yorkers through an integrated seed-to-table education.

### **Position Description**

The Garden Volunteer Program is a weekly commitment that runs mid-February to mid-May during the fall semester at P.S. 216 in Gravesend, Brooklyn. We ask volunteers to make sure they can attend at least 9 of those 14 weeks. Working under the supervision of the Garden Manager and Assistant Garden Manager, volunteers assist with garden maintenance; cultivate food grown for the kitchen classroom and farm stand; and model positive behavior in the teaching garden, a place of wonder and respect for the environment and the community.

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 include:**

- Participating in composting, mulching, irrigation, planting, weeding, and other routine garden tasks;
- Assisting in maintenance of garden facilities and equipment;
- Developing a weekly work plan with Garden Manager and Assistant Garden Manager to suit specific interests and skill sets.

### **Duration**

The Spring Garden Volunteer Program is a three-month unpaid program, which takes place on **Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm** and **Fridays from 12pm to 4pm**. Applicants can choose to commit to either or both days, based on availability and

interest level. The program begins the **week of February 16th** and concludes the **week of May 18th**. There will be a volunteer appreciation potluck on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30pm.

### **Application Information**

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume with “Spring Garden Volunteer Program” in the subject line to [op@esynyc.org](mailto:op@esynyc.org). Please note that you will attend the **mandatory volunteer orientation day on Tuesday February 10, 2015 from 10am-1pm**, and why you are interested in this opportunity. No experience necessary! Selected applicants must pass a background check. No phone calls or drop-ins, please.