SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET AND CREW WORKER APPLICATION

Our mission - Roots and Wisdom’s mission is to engage the diverse population of Schenectady County, particularly youth, in serving their community through the support of a sustainable local food system. Participants experience personal growth and development leading to positive social change.

What we do - Roots and Wisdom works with Schenectady County youth to grow organic vegetables for donation to local food pantries and for sale at our on-site farm stand. Workshops and discussions about nutrition, sustainable agriculture, food systems, leadership, diversity, and service are an integral part of the program.

Where we work - Our main urban garden is on Fehr Avenue just outside Schenectady’s Central Park. We will also be working at a small urban garden site at the Sustainable Living Center in Central Park.

Summer Growing Program - Participants in the Summer Growing Program work as part of a crew to plant, tend, and harvest vegetables. Youth help to distribute produce to county food pantries and sell vegetables at a small farm stand once a week. No previous experience is necessary, but applicants must be willing and able to work hard. Successful applicants will also participate in regular workshops and discussions relevant to the program’s work.

Who can apply? Schenectady County residents between 15- and 18-years old who are available to work Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 1 PM, from June 30 (no work on July 4) through August 8, 2014, can apply to work for Roots and Wisdom this summer. This job opportunity is part of the Summer Youth Employment Program 2014 offered by Schenectady County Job Training Agency.

What is the application process? If you are interested in applying, fill out this application and mail it to us at the address above. Ask an adult you know to send us a reference letter using the form provided. Once we have received your complete application, we will schedule a time for an interview. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny by phone (372-1622, ext.264) or email (jmh556@cornell.edu).

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations should contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Schenectady County office at 372-1622 prior to the program or activity.
ROOTS AND WISDOM SUMMER CREW
WORKER APPLICATION

In order to apply for a job you must have your working papers AND you must be able to work for the entire Summer Program (June 30 through August 8, no work on July 4).

Full Name: ____________________________________________________________

last first middle initial

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _____________

Home telephone: _______________ Cell phone: _____________________________

Email: ________________________________

Gender:  □ male  □ female  Date of birth (month/day/year): ________________

Age on June 30, 2014: __________

Name of person to contact in case of emergency: ____________________________

Relationship: ______________________

Daytime Phone Number: ________________

School: ______________________________________________________________

Grade in September, 2014: __________

How did you hear about Roots and Wisdom? ________________________________

Are you interested in a Leadership position?  □ Farm Stand  □ Children’s Garden

□ Special Events  □ Harvest Manager

Have you submitted the Summer Youth Employment Program 2014 Application to Schenectady Job Training Agency?

□ yes  □ no  □ don’t know

Does your household receive SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps)/TANF?

□ yes  □ no  □ don’t know

Does your household participate in school lunch/breakfast program?

□ yes  □ no  □ don’t know

Approximate family income per year?  □ $20,000  □ $40,000  □ $60,000+

Due to funding regulations, participation in the 2014 Summer Youth Employment Program is limited to individuals whose family is receiving TANF or Food Stamps or whose total family household income does not exceed 200% of the poverty line. If your family does not participate in these programs, there are additional limited positions.
Application Questions

*We want to know more about you!* Please take some time to think carefully about your personal answer to these questions. Write as completely as you can. You may attach a separate sheet if you need more room, or attach a typed sheet if you prefer to use a computer to write your answers.

1. Why do you want to work for Roots and Wisdom this summer?

2. Tell us about one time when you helped someone. What was the situation and what did you do? How did you feel about it?
3. What do you think is hard about working on a team with other people? What is good about working on a team?

Please give the Reference Letter page to an adult who knows you well but is NOT in your family (for example, a teacher, coach, or friend’s parent). Make sure they know that the reference is due by April 11, 2014.

Name of person writing your reference: ______________________________________

Relationship to you: ☐ teacher ☐ coach ☐ employer ☐ other: ___________________

The deadline for applications is April 11, 2014. Please remind the person writing your reference to send it to us by April 11, 2014. Your application is not complete until we have received your reference.

Once we have received your complete application, we will contact you to let you know the day and time of your interview. Interviews will be held the week of April 14th at the Sustainable Living Center in Central Park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please mail this completed application to:
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