

Edible Schoolyard Associate

Opened to the public in 2010, The Edible Schoolyard includes a half-acre urban, teaching garden and kitchen classroom. We offer hands-on experiences that focus on fresh, seasonal food, wellness, and outdoor play. Using a seed-to-table philosophy, kids and families learn about the systems through which food is grown, harvested, prepared, and shared as a meal. By giving kids a greater knowledge of and connection to what they eat, we inspire them to make better choices for their health and the health of their communities.

This position is ideal for someone committed to nurturing our children and community through food education, who would like to deepen their skills and experience as an educator and grower, and who works best in a collaborative, communicative, and adaptive environment.

Position Description

The Edible Schoolyard is seeking a part-time team member to teach Museum and schoolbased lessons and to assist with the maintenance of its ½ acre garden at The Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum as well as the installation and maintenance of a school garden. This is a year-round, paid position. If you are seeking course credit or if you attend a college or university with a work-study program, please indicate any necessary details in your letter of interest.

Schedule and Hours:

20-25 hours per week Schedule: Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:00 – 6:00pm

Thursdays: 8:30am – 6:00pm Saturdays: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Reports to:	Garden Educator
Position Status:	Part-time
Pay Rate:	\$12/hour

Roles and Responsibilities

- Supervise groups of up to 10 volunteers.
- Work closely with the Garden Educators to maintain the health and productivity of all plants at two garden sites including, but not limited to: weeding, pruning, planting, harvesting, seed-saving, implementing soil health strategies, implementing organic pest control methods, and composting.
- Maintain the tidiness and safety of work and play spaces in the garden.



- Design and lead hands-on, garden-based, learning opportunities for children and families through drop-off classes and activities targeted at Museum guests.
- Care for a small flock of laying hens .
- Work to preserve the harvest for later use in cooking classes.
- Follow planting and harvesting schedule.
- Act as a greeter and resource to visitors in the garden.

Qualifications & Physical Requirements

- Sincere appreciation for our work in food literacy and personal commitment to local food and the seed-to-table philosophy.
- Gardening experience preferred.
- Ability to communicate with <u>all</u> children and their caregivers from a place of openness and respect.
- Experience working in a formal or informal learning setting with groups of children.
- Ability to stand, stoop, reach and bend; mobility of arms to reach, dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate large and small objects.
- Ability to read small print.
- Ability to walk and stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to regularly lift more than 50lbs.
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Ability to arrive to multiple job locations at a routine time.

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To Apply: This position is open until filled. Please email your letter of interest, resume, and 2 professional references to emchone@mbcmuseum.com.