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Description: The Program Assistant for CATA's Youth Food Justice Program will work with CATA's Food Justice Coordinator. Tasks will include day-to-day care and maintenance of the garden, working with youth food justice team members as well as garden members and volunteers to plant, propagate, harvest, and care for plants, and assisting with maintenance of the garden's physical infrastructure. Additionally, assistance in documentation of the program such as taking pictures, interviewing participants, recording what has been produced, etc. The Youth Food Justice Program Assistant will gain firsthand experience in sustainable agro-ecological production, working with teen youth employees, volunteer management skills, event planning and experiential education. This position requires manual labor and the ability to work independently and with volunteers. The Youth Food Justice Program Assistant position will run from May – August for 15-20 hours/week.

About CATA: CATA is a migrant farmworker organization that is governed by and comprised of migrant workers and farmworkers who are actively engaged in the struggle for better working and living conditions. CATA's mission is to empower and educate farmworkers through leadership development and capacity building. In 2013, CATA launched the Community Garden of Bridgeton and it is currently in its' 8th growing season with an active base of latino community members. The Youth Food Justice Program is new in 2021! Learn more about us at: www.cata-farmworkers.org.

Desired skills include

- Experience working with high school aged youth helpful
- Experience with gardening / farming helpful, but not necessary
- Commitment to social justice principles and workers' rights
- Bilingual in Spanish and English will be helpful but not necessary for this internship
- Positive and cheerful, able to interact with a wide variety of people
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Willingness to perform a variety of tasks
- Able to communicate and ask questions, follow up on tasks, and arrive promptly for events

Start and End Dates

May – August 2021

Application deadline

April 1, 2021

Hours per week / Location

15-20 hours/week – Hours are to be coordinated with CATA's Food Justice Coordinator and to be completed in CATA's office and garden in Bridgeton, NJ. Will include weekends at least 2x/month.

To Apply:

Please send a resume or letter of interest to CATA's Food Justice Coordinator, Kathia Ramirez at kramirez@cata-farmworkers.org.