



Sustainable Living Center - Walla Walla Valley Farm to School Program Internship Description – Spring 2020

I. Details

1. **Title:** School Garden Intern
2. **Location:** Walla Walla
3. **Part Time** – Spring Semester
4. **End and Start Date:** Starting late January until mid-May, 5 hours per week, 60 - 70 hours total
5. **Compensation**
Unpaid internship – Whitman SEC internship grant opportunity, application due December 15, '19

II. Description

The mission of Walla Walla Valley Farm to School (WWVF2S) is to inspire healthy communities through food, farm and garden experiences. The national Farm to School program encompasses three areas of work and WWVF2S achieves goals in all three realms including supporting schools and farmers in the procurement of local foods, food and agriculture education and working to maximize the use and sustainability of school gardens.

Four schools in Walla Walla Public School district are actively engaged with their gardens and we work to maximize their use through afterschool programming and class time lessons that compliment science curriculum while connecting students to food and the wonders of nature. We also promote our local agriculture through Harvest of the Month cafeteria tasting tables and evening family Food Focus Events.

We offer an unpaid internship that will focus during the winter months on developing a school garden curriculum resource for area teachers. The intern will organize and format a collection of school garden lessons that have been used by our school garden program for years. Completing this initial project will provide insight into the composition of an effective school garden lesson. As spring approaches, the intern will work with the program manager to develop an outline of compelling after-school garden club lessons that will include subjects and activities discovered through the initial project. The intern will then oversee the garden club which will begin mid-April and continue for 7 weeks one afternoon per week for 1.5 hours.

If you're interested in teaching, environmental education or nutrition, we encourage you to apply.

1. What You Will Learn

- Concise and effective writing skills will be polished during the organizing and formatting of school garden lessons.
- How to identify or create engaging, relevant activities for young students
- How to structure instruction for elementary school students
- How to manage students safely in an outdoor setting



- How to evaluate program effectiveness
- How to coordinate between students, volunteers and our organization with clear planning and attainable goals

2. Your Responsibilities

- Assist the Program Manager to research other school garden support organizational website curriculum resources
- Develop or choose an effective format for WWVF2S garden lesson curriculum
- Work with the program manager to format gathered lessons into a website resource for area teachers
- Work with the program manager to develop a 7 week outline of after school garden club activities
- Attend trainings about school gardening and outdoor classroom management
- Recruit and coordinate with parent and Whitman student volunteers to prepare for oversight of multiple garden club activities
- Prepare materials, student check in/check out forms and name tags for participants
- Work with the program manager to develop a pre and post program survey for evaluation
- Oversee after school garden club from mid-April until the end of the Whitman school semester
- Summarize programming achievements for outreach and marketing

3. Your Qualifications

- Prefer sophomore, junior or senior, but will consider freshman
- Prefer a student pursuing BA in environmental studies or health related subjects but will consider other majors
- An interest in education, gardening, agriculture, health
- Prefer GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Excellent communication skills and organizational skills

4. How To Apply

- If interested in this position, please email farmtoschool@slcww.org to set up an appointment to discuss the position in detail. If it appears to be a good fit, it is suggested that you apply for an internship grant through the Student Engagement Center. **DEADLINE for students to apply for internship funding: December 15th 2019**