Montgomery County HSP Educator Coordinator

Status: Exempt, Full-Time (40 hrs per week)
Location: Montgomery County
Reports to: Montgomery County Programs Manager
Salary: $42,000- $44,000 with an annual cost of living adjustment
Benefits: 120 hours of paid time off (PTO); 16 paid holidays; $400 towards professional development annually; annual $600 cell phone usage reimbursement; $300/month toward healthcare; dental insurance; retirement plan with 2% matching.

ABOUT GREENER PARTNERS:
We believe everyone has a right to healthy food. Since 2008, we have worked to remove barriers to healthy eating through urban farming, equitable fresh food access, and discovery-based learning. We partner with schools, hospitals, and community organizations to develop sustainable fresh food resources. Our staff and Board engage in ongoing work to realize our vision of being an inclusive and equitable organization that is reflective of our partnerships. Our approach to learning and growing honors diverse culinary, agricultural, and cultural histories. We are committed to disrupting racist systems and practices both within ourselves, our organization, and through the work we do in collaboration with others.

POSITION SUMMARY:
This is a full-time educator based in Montgomery County co-leading its innovative seed to plate programs, the Farm Explorer and the Healthy Schools Project.

The Farm Explorer connects young people to the science and agriculture behind growing food, sparking interest in harvesting, cooking, and trying vegetables, fruits, and herbs. The Farm Explorer Truck brings a farm field trip experience directly to schools, with hands-on gardening and cooking activities. Our Healthy Schools Project expands our work with the school community through an integrated approach involving food education, access, and sovereignty. It includes afterschool programs, free fresh produce distributions, teen programming, a Community Food Advocate program, and support for school, community, and home gardeners.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Healthy Schools Project (60%)

- In School Programs (truck and classroom), After School Programs, and Summer Camp:
  - In collaboration with Greener Partners’ education team, co-develop discovery-based lessons about gardening, cooking, and nutrition
○ Deliver lessons for learners of all ages in school and community settings

● **Farm Explorer Container Garden**: Assist in maintaining the Farm Explorer container garden at Martha’s Community Farm for a variety of crops and consistent successions for the Farm Explorer truck seasons

● **Community Resource**: Serve as a community resource on gardening and food education to parents, students, and partners

● **Food Distribution**: Organize and lead fresh food distributions at Healthy Schools Project sites

● **Garden Consultation**: Provide garden consultation and support for school and community garden projects. Collaborate with schools and community groups on all aspects of garden development and maintenance

**Farm Work at Martha’s Community Farm (20%)**

● **Farm Work**: In collaboration with the farm team at Martha’s Community Farm, perform farm duties as assigned by the Farm Manager

**Partnership and Program Coordination (15%)**

● **Program Tracking and Reporting**: Track program numbers and evaluations to provide accurate data

● **Program Operations**: Ensure all vehicles, supplies, equipment, and materials are organized and well maintained

● **Partner Communications and Coordination**: Maintain partnerships with schools and community groups. Create positive relationships and communicate with key existing and new external partners.

**Other (5%)**

● **Social Media**: Assist with implementation of social media plan, in collaboration with other GP staff

● **Special projects**: Assist with unique projects, such as fundraisers, cultivation activities, and partner projects

**WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

● Conversational Spanish (preferred)

● Experience in gardening/farming (minimum of 2 years)

● Lift, carry, push, pull objects weighing up to 50 pounds

● Experience in food and farming education

● Demonstrates strong understanding of the challenges faced by marginalized communities and the ability to promote and implement strategies of equity and inclusion.

● A problem solver with a can-do attitude

● Excellent written and oral communication skills

● Able to develop trusting relationships with a wide range of cultures, people, and organizations
● Flexibility and adaptability
● Commitment to our mission and our values
● Able to manage multiple projects simultaneously
● Experience building collaborative relationships with community leaders and participating in community engagement work

Please submit a current resume and cover letter explaining your interest in the position and why you will be a great fit to amy.johnson@greenerpartners.org.

**Our Hiring Process:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. We will begin in-person one-hour interviews in August. Finalists will be invited to a second-round one-hour interview. We would like the selected candidate to start late August to early September.

Greener Partners is an equal opportunity employer committed to providing a safe and supportive work environment for employees. We encourage Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities, recent migrants/refugees, people with disabilities, and applicants from different generational and economic backgrounds to apply.