

## **Summer Student Employment From Garden To Table Assistant**

The Nourish and Develop Foundation ([www.tndf.ca](http://www.tndf.ca)) is a charitable non-profit, located in Cannington. We are seeking a dynamic secondary or post-secondary student who enjoys growing and cooking food to assist with our farm/garden and community kitchen ventures. The 'From Garden To Table Assistant' will work both inside and outside learning the importance of food security, growing and eating locally, preserving the harvest, and gleaning from local farms. The individual will learn basic growing skills, will help with the harvesting, preparing, and serving of fresh produce, and will assist staff in presentations and workshops. The preferred candidate is someone who lives within a commutable distance to Cannington and has a Driver's licence with access to a car.

**The position is for 30 hours/week over 9 weeks (likely five 6 hour days) with a compensation of \$15.00/ hour.**

### **Main Responsibilities:**

- Support local community initiatives by assisting our Community Development and Food Access Coordinators with preparations and delivery of knowledge to community members interested in food or topics that address the underlying causes of food insecurity and poverty.
- Aid with emergency food deliveries and pick ups to and from various locations.
- Glean from local farmers with pre-existing relationships and work to expand and map the program for local private community member gleaning.
- Assist with food donations from public and local farmers, including receiving deliveries, assessing quality and value, and storing food.
- Plant and maintain gardens, grow and harvest produce, and process/preserve and serve food in our commercial kitchen for existing programs and workshops
- Research and help to develop new programs and monitor and evaluate existing programs and projects
- Assist to promote and celebrate local good food eco-systems and inform the community about the importance of enhancing local food security and perform other related duties as required.

### **Qualifications and Requirements:**

- Must be between 16 and 30 years of age.
- Must be available to work 30 hours/week for a minimum of 9 weeks (between June and September).
- Show positive energy and with a demonstrated commitment to grow and/or prepare food.
- Demonstrated knowledge, skills and abilities to work effectively with rural and diverse communities' empathy for people experiencing poverty.
- Strong problem-solving skills and motivation, willing to collaborate and work with others.
- Ability to learn and apply new information quickly, self-driven and ability to work independently as well as within a team setting.
- Hold a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and have access to a reliable vehicle.
- Ability and willingness to work evenings, weekends and holidays if required.

Our office hours are Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm so there is some room for flexibility in hours. The successful candidate will benefit from a comprehensive training program, quality supervision and recognition of contributions.

The Nourish and Develop Foundation is currently taking precautions during COVID and the candidate must also be prepared to make safety provisions while performing all job duties.

**Please apply by emailing your cover letter and resume to [info@tndf.ca](mailto:info@tndf.ca) by June 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**

*Please note that only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.*