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# Garden 2 Market Internship

Spring 2020

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If you are interested in growing food, cooking, learning about where your food comes from, teaching others about gardening, gaining small business and job skills, and conducting cutting edge research in Bronx gardens then this internship is for you. Garden 2 Market Interns will spend their summer exploring the local food system and building community at the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) garden and farm stand. When we understand where our food comes from, and where it goes, we can make better decisions about what we buy and eat! There is no experience needed.

Interns will work 20 hours per week during July and August with the possibility of continuing after school during the fall for up to 6 hours per week. The summer 2020 tasks are as follows:

## Garden Day

Composting and gardening at the VCPA Compost/Garden Site located inside the park at Mosholu Ave and Broadway (by the Riverdale Stables) and maintenance of the 261st Street entrance garden. This portion of the program gives interns first hand experience growing food and giving back to their community. The vegetables and herbs grown will be donated to local food pantries. Interns will be responsible for weeding, watering, and maintaining the vegetable beds each week. Interns build leadership skills as they learn how to work alongside and lead volunteers from local camps.



## Research Day

This day will be used for trips to other local gardens, career exploration, ordering produce for our market, and becoming familiar with the local "food landscape." NEW this year: we will also be conducting a research component investigating if there is a correlation between honey and elements found in the soils of the urban areas where the hives are located. Meeting locations and activities to be determined.



Fall 2020- Interns who successfully complete the summer portion of the internship will be invited to continue, where possible, during the fall. Two days per week interns will run the market and complete the research component. Interns who successfully complete the Garden 2 Market Internship also become eligible to apply for the Urban Eco Teens Leadership Training Program.



(More information about both options will be provided to selected interns during the summer.)

This internship is physically demanding and operates outside in all weather. It can be a rewarding experience for interns as they gain first hand experience of how their food grows in a local urban setting and will build leadership skills and job experience.

## Market Day

By running the market, an outdoor farm stand at Amalgamated Housing selling local fruits and vegetables, interns will learn about food justice issues as well as the basics of running a farm stand (merchandising, customer service, and how to promote the stand in the community). The Amalgamated market will also include youth led weekly cooking demonstrations. Interns will meet and leave from the VCPA office at 80 Van Cortlandt Park South.

## Documentation Needed For Hire

Applicants must provide the documents below upon acceptance into the program:

1. Non-citizens must submit a clear copy (front and back) of Alien Registration card OR U.S. citizens born abroad must bring a copy of naturalization papers.
2. Photo Identification (NYS I.D. or School I.D.)
3. If under 18: Working papers (can be obtained at school)

**The application is due by April 26th** and can be emailed to Sara Kempton at [sara@vancortlandt.org](mailto:sara@vancortlandt.org), or mailed to The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, 80 Van Cortlandt Park South, Suite E1, Bronx, NY 10463, or faxed to 718-601-1574.

Select applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview. Questions can be directed to Sara Kempton at (718)601-1553, or [sara@vancortlandt.org](mailto:sara@vancortlandt.org).

# Garden 2 Market Internship Application 2020

## I. Applicant's Contact Information

*(Please print clearly using a blue or black ink pen.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Cell)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Gender: Female  Male  Other

## II. Education

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Borough: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Parent or Guardian Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Cell)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Cell)

### IV. Work Experience

(Please list all previous employment, internship, and volunteer/ community service experience.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of company/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of company/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Mo. Yr. Mo. Yr.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of company/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Mo. Yr. Mo. Yr.

### V. Short Answer Questions (all applicants):

The following questions will help us learn a little more about you and why you want to participate in the Garden 2 Market Internship. Please answer each question in 3-5 full sentences, neatly written or typed, on a separate piece of paper.

- 1. Why do you want to be a part of the Garden 2 Market Internship?
- 2. What skills and experiences do you think you can bring to the internship?
- 3. What do you think you will gain by being a part of this internship?

### VI. Returning Interns Only

If you are a returning intern please also answer the following question:

**Based on your experience last year at the market let us know one thing you would do to improve the success of the market this year.**

Please return the application including the answers to the questions to Sara Kempton by **April 26th**.

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