Food for Lane County
Internship Position

**Position:** Youth Farm Intern

**Responsible To** Ted Purdy, Youth Farm Coordinator

**Length of Internship:** March 1-October 31st; 2 days/week

**Intern Stipend:** $2,040 total

The FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) Youth Farm is an innovative program that addresses the root causes of hunger and malnutrition by promoting community and individual self-sufficiency. A crew of low-income teens participate in a Summer Leadership Program at the farm and gain job and life skills, and learn about gardening and nutrition. The youth farmers help run 2 produce stands and a 55-member CSA. Half the produce grown is donated to FFLC for distribution through the emergency food network of partner agencies.

**Internship Education**

The intern will receive education and training in composting, soil science and fertilization, propagation, orchard management, crop rotation and farm mapping, winter gardening, greenhouse construction and management, irrigation, cultivation and weed management, and pest management. Other farm related subjects will be presented depending on intern’s interests. The educational program will consist of lectures, field trips, hand-outs, literature review and hands-on learning.

**Possible Internship Tasks:**

- Participating in all maintenance tasks on the farm: seeding, watering, planting, harvesting, weeding, field amending
- Working with youth as a mentor and in a minimal supervisory role
- Working with adult volunteers on garden maintenance and special projects
- Interacting with customers at our farm stands

**Skills Gained:**

Interns will gain skills and experience in gardening, working with youth, leading volunteers and community building. Interns can choose if they want to specialize in certain areas, as their skills and interests become apparent.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience in organic gardening and/or outdoor work
- Interest or experience in working with youth
- Good social skills
- Organized and reliable
- Available on Saturdays

**To apply:** Submit a letter detailing your interests and availability, a resume and one reference letter to Ted Purdy at youthfarm@foodforlanecounty.org, FOOD for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. 541-343-2822, x329. Open until February 7.