



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Youth Green Squad

- **3 positions available**

Application due: June 15th, 2012 at 5 pm EST

Location: Parkdale, Toronto

Start date: July 2nd, 2012

Contract length: 7 weeks, Monday through Thursday

Compensation: \$10.25 per hour, 31 hours per week

Greenest City is a non-profit charitable organization in Parkdale which offers a variety of food-based initiatives to bring people together. Current projects include the H.O.P.E. Community Garden in Masaryk Park, an after-school youth food program, community kitchens and gardening programs for children and youth.

Please visit our website at www.greenestcity.ca.

➤ **Positions funded through Service Canada, Government of Canada**

The successful candidates for this positions must meet **ALL** of the **Canada Summer Jobs eligibility criteria:**

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and
- be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

*Only students who meet these criteria can be considered.

Greenest City and Service Canada encourage students with disabilities, Aboriginal students and students who are members of visible minority groups to apply.

❖ **Preference will be given to applicants from the Parkdale neighbourhood.**

Job Description

The Youth Green Squad is a **seven week** paid summer employment program offered by Greenest City. This program is designed for **high school students** with limited work experience and provides an introduction to various career fields related to food and the environment. The Youth Green Squad contributes to the community through a variety of local food projects while also developing life and job skills through various training opportunities.

Tasks and Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a productive Youth Garden, including planting, watering, weeding, mulching, harvesting and managing the compost bins
- Facilitating the involvement of local youth in the garden
- Leading outdoor gardening/nature activities for children
- Participating in food/garden themed community arts projects
- Assisting in the preparation of food at community kitchens in Parkdale and for Greenest City events
- Canning and storing foods to be used in Greenest City fall/winter programming
- Supporting other local food organizations through various activities (i.e. farm work, packing good food boxes, picking fruit and setting up for the farmers' market)
- Taking part in employment, life skills and leadership training sessions
- Documenting and sharing your job experience through writing and photographing
- Representing Greenest City at community events and presentations

Skills and Qualifications:

- High level of interest in cooking, growing food and local food issues
- Willingness to work cooperatively as part of a team
- Readiness to work in garden and kitchen settings and to get your hands dirty!
- Creativity and artistic skills a strength
- Desire to develop employment skills and experience
- Commitment to the job, including arriving on time, and reporting any absences
- Motivated to complete assigned tasks with a positive attitude
- Available for the full seven week duration of the program

Start date: July 2, 2012

End date: August 16, 2012

Compensation: \$10.25 per hour, 31 hours per week, full-time Monday to Thursday for 7 weeks (includes some evenings)

How to apply:

Please submit a **cover letter and resume** by Friday June 15th, 2012 at **5 pm EST** to summerjobs@greenestcity.ca. Be sure to tell us why you are interested in this summer job and any experience you have with food and or environmental issues.

Late applications will not be accepted. We regret that only those applicants being considered for the position will be contacted to set-up an interview time.

Interviews: June 20 - 25, 2012

Greenest City is committed to Employment Equity and encourages applicants from equity seeking groups to self-identify.