

Mill Village Farms Intern

<u>Mill Village Ministries</u> is a faith-based family of nonprofit enterprises that elevates our whole community through social justice, healthy food, bicycle access, youth employment, and entrepreneurial training in Greenville, SC. <u>Mill Village Farms</u>, one of MVM's branches, is a nonprofit farm and produce distributor that teaches life skills to youth, employs students, and provides access to healthy produce for all in Greenville, SC. Our mission is to connect and improve the community through farming, healthy produce distribution, and youth workforce training; one integral component of MVF that helps us accomplish our **mission** is the farm work itself. Our **vision** is a plentiful Greenville with confident youth prepared for employment as well as access to healthy produce for all.

Job Details & Compensation:

This internship will generally take place from 7a-3p at our Sullivan Street Farm. If not funded through an external grant, this position will be compensated through a stipend equating to a \$12/hour rate.

- Spring Semester: 12 weeks, February late April, 15-25 hours/week
- Summer: 9 weeks, June early August, 36 hours/week
- Fall Semester: 12 weeks, Mid-September Early December, 15-25 hours/week

Job Description:

The Mill Village Farms Intern will work closely with the Farm Manager and participate in all aspects of farm operations, including but not limited to crop planning, soil management, seeding, planting, harvesting, pest control, post-harvest processing, and distribution of produce.

General Responsibilities:

- Participate in physically strenuous farm labor with ability to work in all weather conditions, lift up to 40 pounds repeatedly, and spend majority of shift standing, walking, and bending
- Track planting, harvesting, and distribution data with assistance of Farm Manager
- Assist Youth Development Program Intern and Youth Apprentices with their farm tasks

Requirements:

- Intrinsic interest in, curiosity for, and willingness to ask questions about farming and food systems
 - Previous farm experience and/or career aspirations in agriculture are preferred, but not required

- People Skills: excellent verbal & written communication, social intelligence, empathetic, eager to serve others, active listener
- Work Ethic: adaptable, enthusiastic, self-starter, proactive, gritty, team player
- Understanding of and enthusiasm for the vision of Mill Village Farms and Mill Village Ministries and willingness to advocate its mission
- Valid driver's license and ability to drive farm trucks
- Must have reliable transportation to and from the farm

Ideal Candidate:

• 19+ years old

Mill Village Farms serves under-resourced communities in Greenville, SC. Representation matters, and we prioritize hiring staff members that reflect the racial and economic diversity of our community. Applicants with diverse backgrounds or experience working with diverse and/or low-income populations are preferred.

Intern Development: All Mill Village interns have the additional compensated privilege of participating in personal and professional development.

- Summer: A weekly gathering including <u>JustFaith</u> small group and book study, as well as an exploration of understanding ourselves and pertinent local social issues such as racial reconciliation, gentrification, transportation, and economic upward mobility.
- *Semester:* Join in on regular staff development, which includes a rotation of bimonthly lunch and learns or a weekly book club.

Mill Village Ministries Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

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