



Gardener

Reports to the Buildings and Grounds Director

Position Summary

Manages organic production gardens to supply vegetables, herbs, and flowers for the Dining Hall, cooking classes, and special events. Supervises work study students assigned to gardens and grounds in daily work routines. Manages landscape beds, paths, and general landscaping throughout campus. Helps facilitate use of the gardens by Folk School cooking, gardening, nature studies, and photography classes. The position is full-time.

Position Responsibilities

- Supervise work study students on a daily basis and make sure that the work studies are efficient and productive and have clear assignments. There may be one to five workers per week depending on class schedules. Provide safe working conditions for work studies and advise Work Study Coordinator of any safety concerns. Maintain tools and safety equipment needed for gardens and grounds tasks.
- Maintain a disciplined daily schedule and be prompt in meeting work studies at agreed upon work times.
- Create productive and beautiful vegetable and fruit gardens to help supply the dining hall and the cooking studio with fresh produce and cut flowers.
- Keep the gardens accessible to students, visitors, and instructors. Add labeling to provide educational opportunities throughout the gardens.
- Meet needs of other departments as requested including catalog stocking and mailing, help with events including Little/Middle Folk School, auctions, Fall Festival, dining hall or housekeeping help, and needs from other areas of the school.
- Work with the Work Study Coordinator to ensure a positive experience for work study students and the Folk School.

Education and Experience Requirements

- Experience with gardening and landscaping and proficiency with hand tools and power equipment such as tillers, mowers, and weed eaters.
- Experience with all aspects of production organic gardening including seed starting and transplanting, use of greenhouses and row covers, use of cover crops and soil amendments, and safe harvesting techniques.
- Experience with supplying produce to chefs and/or markets is desirable.
- Leadership and supervision experience and ability to work well with a group and maintain crew motivation and productivity.
- Experience with operation of tractors preferred.
- Minimum of high school diploma required.
- Minimum age 21 years.

Physical Demands

The position requires that the employee be in good physical condition. The employee will need to be able to work on his/her feet for at least 8 hours a day, lift up to 40 pounds, be prepared to work in difficult weather conditions, and be able to work weekends and holidays.

Applications

Please submit the following materials by e-mail at jobs@folkschool.org, or by USPS to:

Human Resources Manager
John C. Campbell Folk School
One Folk School Road
Brasstown, NC 28902

1. Cover Letter that expresses your desire to work at the Folk School and reasons for interest in the position.
2. Resume detailing education and work experience.
3. Contact Information for three professional references.

Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.