

Brix Bounty Farm

Job Announcement: Green Youth Brigade Urban Agriculture Apprenticeship with Brix Bounty Farm

Help urban agriculture grow new roots in New Bedford. [Brix Bounty Farm](#) is hiring a *seasonal* urban agriculture apprentice as part of the planned Green Youth Brigade Summer Job Initiative coordinated by [Northstar Learning Center](#), [Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction](#) (PAACA), and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth [Office of Campus and Community Sustainability](#).



Overview: The first 5 weeks of this project will include an intensive agricultural training period focusing on critical skills and techniques at the heart of sustainable small-scale food production. This work will be carried out at Brix Bounty Farm, neighboring farms, and urban garden sites in New Bedford. This intensive training period will be followed by one week of training alongside other Green Youth Brigade Summer Staff.

During the Summer Session (7-8 weeks) the Urban Agriculture Apprentice will provide leadership and guidance for the community gardens project in the Green Youth Brigade Initiative. Work will include (a) leading training sessions for youth focusing on skill development related to urban agriculture and community garden development: soil testing, natural fertilizers and pest control, garden planning, planting and care, (b) acting as a resource for summer staff, youth, and community and backyard gardeners, and (c) development of supporting education materials and outreach to New Bedford community gardens. At the conclusion of the summer, 1 week will be allotted for project wrap-up, review, and planning for future projects.

This position will also include mentorship and assistance in development of a personal project focusing on a topic relevant to the Green Youth Brigade Initiative chosen by the apprentice in consultation with Brix Bounty Farm. For more information about Brix Bounty Farm please visit the Brix Bounty Farm Blog at <http://brixbounty.blogspot.com/>

Skills Covered During the 2009 Summer Growing Season

The Urban Agriculture Apprentice will acquire sustainable vegetable growing skills, including all aspects of plant propagation and care. Underlying these skills will be an introduction to the foundation topics of biological agriculture, soil science, and techniques focusing on nutrient dense food production, as well as a thorough understanding of techniques used to mitigate risks involved in urban agriculture.

Qualifications: Qualified applicants will possess strong verbal and leadership skills, prior experience with urban agriculture a plus but not required. Organizational skills and experience working with youth from varied backgrounds, and an active interest in collaboration are essential. An interest in learning about urban agriculture and a commitment to the city of New Bedford are desired.

Details

Position will start the week of May 25th, pending the release of funding support for the project. This is a 40 hour per week position, covering 15 weeks (through the end of August). The urban agriculture apprentice will be a part of the Green Youth Brigade team and work closely alongside staff members from [Northstar Learning Center](#) and [PAACA](#).

Deadline

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and list of references to Derek Christianson at Brix Bounty Farm. Resumes are due by Wednesday May 13th. Materials may be mailed to Brix Bounty Farm or emailed to derekchristianson@gmail.com. Qualified applicants will be invited for interviews during the week of May 18th.

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