



## **Young Urban Farmers Summer Program Intern**

### *Background and Program Info*

In 2013, Athens Land Trust established the Young Urban Farmers (YUF) program in partnership with the Clarke County School District (CCSD). Since its inception, the program has expanded from working solely with Classic City High School to collaborating with all 3 CCSD high schools. To date, the program has provided over 100 high school students with sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship education, work experience and personal development.

The goal of the Young Urban Farmers program is to help Clarke County youth develop valuable, transferable skills that will enhance confidence and competence as they prepare to enter the competitive workforce. YUF experience a full year of farm life at Athens Land Trust's two urban farms. In order to directly connect sustainably-produced food with a healthy lifestyle, YUF participate in a six-week Cooking Matters course. Cooking Matters teaches students about nutrition and gives them the opportunity to explore meal preparation using farm-fresh ingredients in the kitchen. Students enrolled in the YUF program also engage in a variety of activities exploring the themes of food justice, learning where our food comes from and how we engage in food systems. Throughout the program year, the students develop business plans, create sustainable agriculture-based products, and sell them at the West Broad Farmers Market.

The YUF Program runs from September through July. During the school year, YUF work an average of 8-10 hours per week. Summer offers a more intensive experience of 18-20 hours per week. YUF are paid a wage of \$7.50/hour and receive the profits from their respective on-farm enterprises.

### *Position Description*

#### **Qualities:**

- A desire and willingness to work with high school students
- The capacity to work outdoors for long periods
- The ability to facilitate discussion about sustainable agriculture and food justice
- Strong organizational & communication skills
- The ability to assist in behavior management and attendance tracking

#### **Responsibilities:**

Assisting the YUF Program team with planning and implementation of:

- YUF led summer camp activities for middle school students
- Sustainable agriculture workshops and farm work days
- Entrepreneurial education and YUF product development
- YUF farmers market support and sales

**Example tasks:**

- Scheduling guest speakers
- Attending YUF program meetings
- Assisting with classroom discussion on topics such as Entrepreneurship, Financial Responsibility, Business Planning and Marketing
- Assisting students with development of signage and outreach materials
- Assisting students at the West Broad Farmers Market
- Assisting with Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Purchasing supplies
- Assisting high school students with farm basic tasks: weeding, watering, planting, etc.