Youth Summer Programs 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. This summer Athens Land Trust will also be launching two new youth programs, the Young Urban Builders (YUB), and the Athens Youth Conservation Stewards (YCS) which will also focus on personal and professional development through construction education (YUB) and environmental conservation work (YCS).

The goal of all 3 programs is to help Clarke County youth develop valuable, transferable skills that will enhance confidence and competence as they prepare to enter the competitive workforce. Each summer participant will work on average 18-20 hours per week in their respective program, and will earn a wage of $8.50/hour.

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 Education 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
- Lessons on workplace safety

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.
- Assisting students with conservation projects
- Helping to coordinate workdays and locations for YUB