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## **CountrySide Farm Educator**

### **We are hiring a full-time Farm Educator!**

CountrySide is a nonprofit located in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Our mission is to connect people, food, and land by promoting a resilient, sustainable food culture through programs, advocacy and education. We are a leading expert and innovator in conservation farming and community-based food programs, working in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park, farmers, community stakeholders and food entrepreneurs. We co-manage a unique farm leasing program with Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and operate a beginning farmer program and a sustainable agriculture education initiative. We operate 3 farmers' markets, we are launching an urban public food market, and we operate a multi-county food access program.

We are immediately hiring a full-time, year-round farm educator to facilitate our beginning farmer program and work with our partner farm. The right candidate will spend their time working with farm interns, school students, and the dining hall staff while managing the farm's vegetable production, heritage breed livestock, and aquaponics system.

### **Key Deliverables**

- Work with CountrySide staff to improve and implement the CountrySide Beginning Farmer Intern Program
- Work closely with Special Programs Coordinator to plan agricultural education classes for local farmers and interns
- Co-create education curriculum for farm interns with partner
- Communicate and plan curriculum with school faculty and staff for partner farm
- Implement planting plan to meet produce requirements for school dining hall
- Work with and instruct farm interns on a daily basis
- Manage heritage breed livestock breeding program
- Keep detailed records of all farm practices, crops, and livestock
- Basic maintenance of farm equipment and facilities
- Manage and maintain aquaponics system
- Create and track budgets for program and farm operations
- Ability to work on some evenings and some weekends (events and tasks such as weekend care of livestock)

### **Required Skills**

- 3-5 years of experience on small-scale, sustainable farms
- Commercial production experience required, including food safety best practices



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- Livestock experience required
- Some experience with facilitating sustainable agricultural education activities
- Professionalism and confident interpersonal skills
- Ability to manage/lead/teach large groups of interns and school students
- Ability to multi-task and delegate
- Experience with using and maintaining farm equipment
- Basic familiarity with aquaponics systems
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with local agricultural educators
- Passion for sustainable agriculture and food systems
- Highly organized and self-propelled
- Attention to detail and safety a must
- Willing to complete a background check
- Team player who embodies our values to create a great place to work through inclusiveness, kindness, integrity and respect for everyone

This is a great opportunity to advance or launch your career with an exciting 19-year-old nonprofit that is growing and expanding! Compensation commensurate with experience, range around \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Good benefits package and a great workplace environment! We are looking to fill this position immediately. Please send, via email only, a 1-page cover letter that includes why you'd like to work with Countryside, a 1-page resume and 2 professional references (that will be checked) to: Annie Preston, Sustainability and Special Programs Coordinator, at [apreston@cvcountryside.org](mailto:apreston@cvcountryside.org).