



Position Title: Community Gardens Worker

Organizational Profile:

Since 1986 North York Harvest Food Bank has been the primary food bank in northern Toronto. We distributed over 2 million pounds of food through our 47 member agencies running over 70 community programs.

An independent, charitable organization, we envision a community where all members are able to meet their food needs. Our mission is to engage our community in meeting the food needs of northern Toronto by providing dignified food assistance, education, focused advocacy and long-term food solutions.

Position Summary:

The Urban Agriculture Assistant will provide support to North York Harvest's community gardening programs. The position will work closely with our Community Food Space Managers, existing garden programming and neighbourhood agencies to support the urban agriculture initiatives in Lawrence Heights.

Reporting Relationship:

The Urban Agriculture Assistant reports to the Senior Manager, Program Services

Hours:

30 hours per week for 9 weeks, beginning late May/early June.

Pay:

\$15 per hour

Key Responsibilities:

- Conducts garden programming
- Provides information and training to community members on growing and gardening
- Helps to conduct workshops
- Maintains statistics and data
- Plans, maintains and manages small community garden site, in consultation with community
- Supports and supervises volunteers

Qualifications

- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Knowledge of food security and poverty issues
- Knowledge of and experience in organic gardening practices
- Experience working in low-income, diverse communities
- Experience working with volunteers
- Strong problem solving and analytical skills
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as required
- Computer proficiency in common office applications (e.g. Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Please forward cover letter and resume to mandy@northyorkharvest.com, attention: Mandy Ridley, Senior Manager, Program Services by **Monday, May 20th**. Please quote the job title in the subject line. Applicants must be 30 years of age or under and have attended school full-time in 2018-19.

North York Harvest Food Bank is committed to employment equity and encourages applicants from equity seeking groups.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those to be invited for an interview will be contacted.

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Eligibility Criteria (must be completed)

CSJ 2019 includes new expanded eligibility to include all youth aged 15 to 30, which means youth who are not students are eligible. This change has been made to complement the Government's renewal of the Youth Employment Strategy (YES), announced in Budget 2018. A modernized YES will be implemented over five years to ensure that youth, including those who face unique barriers, achieve their potential in an evolving labour market.

Name: _____

Position applying for: _____

- Are you between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment; **yes** ____ **no** ____
- Are you a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment; **yes** ____ **no** ____
- Do you have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations. **yes** ____ **no** ____

International students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada.

*Eligibility criteria taken directly from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/screening-eligibility.html>