Paid Intern Position: Farmer

The Neighborhood Garden Coalition (NGC) is seeking an intern farmer to help develop and manage a community garden of a half-acre. The NGC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit and is a volunteer based organization in Berkley, Michigan. The farm is an educational and production garden inclusive of people with physical and developmental disabilities working with those of all abilities.

We will be expanding the current community garden into a small-scale organic farm and educational center. This is high intensity organic farm growing vegetables, herbs, cutting flowers, and has a sensory garden. We will be adding additional garden space where we are developing an irrigation system using rainwater collection. This consists of a collection area fed from garden runoff, a solar powered pump to a storage tank, and the installation of drip irrigation.

Position Description:
We are looking for hard working, dependable person to work through our summer season. Job tasks include all necessary farm labor including seeding, transplanting, irrigation, weeding, harvest and more. Farming is hard, dirty work requiring considerable physical labor. The intern will also help in the management of a CSA.

Structure of Internship
- Internship duration is May 18 – August 28, 2015
- Intern position is 30 hours per week. Note: hours may vary between weeks; however the average number of hours per week will be 30 hours. Hours primarily take place during the week with the possibility of some required weekend work
- Pay is $12 per hour
- Fresh vegetables from the garden as the season permits
- Intern will be working closely a horticultural therapist
- Staff meetings are informal and are held weekly
- Garden is located with easy access to public transportation
- We will provide assistance to the intern find local housing, either through a host family or sharing an apartment with other college students.
Qualifications:
The ideal candidates will have:

- Two years education in horticulture, agriculture, or other natural science.
- Farming experience, preferably at an organic or chemical free farm
- Previous physical labor experience is preferred.
- Should be able to demonstrate ability to work with diverse groups of people, have good communication and organizational skills.
- An interest for social justice and community building around food.
- The ability to work independently, and as part of a team.
- Must have reliable transportation and phone.

To Apply Please send resume with a cover letter to:
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Application deadline is March 30.