GOWANUS GREEN TEAM SENIOR APPRENTICE (Seasonal): May - August 2020

The Gowanus Canal Conservancy (GCC) is a community-based non-profit organization that serves as the environmental steward for the Gowanus Canal Watershed.

Gowanus Green Team is a green jobs training program that introduces youth apprentices to environmental stewardship, garden maintenance, green infrastructure, and urban conservation. We are looking for a returning Gowanus Green Team graduate to serve as Senior Apprentice for the 2020 season. In addition to being a member of the team, the Senior Apprentice will assist the Stewardship Coordinator with tasks in the field, the office, and on field trips. The team spends the majority of their time outdoors, performing physical work in green spaces in the Gowanus neighborhood including rain gardens, tree pits, gardens, and GCC’s native plant nursery. The team participates in classroom learning, discussions, and hands-on field training sessions, including field work with partner organizations at sites around NYC.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Preferred, but not required to have graduated from Gowanus Green Team program
• Currently a high school Junior or older
• Excellent time management and organization
• Experience working outdoors in an urban environment
• Experience working on a team with a diverse set of partners and sharing skills with others
• Willingness to travel by public transportation to work sites in Gowanus and around the city

RESPONSIBILITIES
• Recruitment - Assist GCC staff in recruiting apprentices from Gowanus neighborhood
• Exercise leadership over group of apprentices. Examples: getting everyone’s attention, leading workshop/nursery activities confidently, delegating tasks, working without Stewardship Coordinator’s supervision
• Assist with tool management, safety, materials preparation. Guide apprentices in fieldwork skills such as watering & nursery work.
• Field work - Perform physical work outside in all weather conditions in green spaces
• Trips - Travel by public transit to sites around the city to work with partner organizations and learn about environmental issues.
• Indoor sessions - Assist in preparing and distributing materials for classroom sessions and setting up the projector and other equipment

Hours and Compensation
• Hourly Pay: $16.50
• Program length: May-August

SPRING:
May 12th-June 27th: Tuesdays 4:15-6:00PM, Saturdays 9:15AM-1:30PM [6.00 hours/week]
Break week June 28th - July 4th
SUMMER:
July 7th-August 15th: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:15AM-12:30PM, Saturdays 9:15AM-1:30PM [12.75 hours/week]
To Apply
Gowanus residents including NYCHA tenants and low-income youth of color are highly encouraged to apply. *Deadline is January 15th.* Please send your **cover letter and resume** to joanne@gowanuscanalconservancy.org. In your cover letter, please state your specific interests and qualifications for the Senior Apprentice position. For example, you can talk about how your previous experience on Green Team prepared you for this position, how will you serve as a leader to new Green Team apprentices, etc.