



**FOOD**

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in FOOD for Lane County's Youth Farm Summer Program! Youth will be working with us at the farm from May 18 -September 28, and the Youth Farm schedule does not conflict with school schedules.

The Youth Farm offers its participants:

- Educational activities, field trips, and guest speakers on gardening, nutrition, financial planning, and work readiness
- Training in gardening, leadership, and teamwork
- Access to fresh, organic fruits and vegetables
- The opportunity to serve their community by growing nutritious food for low-income households
- Healthy physical activity and opportunities to meet new people
- About 20 hours of work per week at minimum wage

Participating at the Youth Farm is fun, fulfilling, and challenging! Our expectations of participants are high; crewmembers make a commitment to show-up on time on their scheduled days ready to participate productively and in all kinds of weather. The position also involves some heavy lifting, bending-over for extended periods, and doing repetitive physical activities.

**If you are between the ages of 15-18, and interested in applying, please fill out the enclosed application.** Guidelines for a successful application are as follows:

- Print neatly; illegible applications will be recycled!
- Answer every question **completely** and accurately
- Let us know what's great about you, and what **you** can offer!

**In order for your application to be considered complete, you need to have an adult who knows you well, but is not a member of your family, fill out the attached youth farmer reference form.** Please include the reference with your application, or have the person writing your reference mail, fax or email it to us by April 26.

The Youth Farm is competitive; we receive more applications than we have positions, and we prioritize applicants with a familiarity with food insecurity and who like outdoor, physical work.

**Applications will be accepted until April 26 or until positions are filled.** If you have any questions, call us at 541-915-2511, or e-mail [jen@foodforlanecounty.org](mailto:jen@foodforlanecounty.org).

Sincerely,

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