

Patterson School Foundation Farm Manager Job Description

The Patterson School Foundation (PSF) is seeking to fill the position of Farm Manager; the deadline for applications is February 30th. The Farm Manager is a half to three quarter-time position responsible for on-site maintenance of the Patterson School Foundation (PSF) property, and working with the PSF Program Director in development of the Incubator Farm Program. The Farm Manager will meet weekly with the Program Director, and report to the Patterson School Foundation board at monthly meetings.

Background Check: The Patterson School Foundation hosts Caldwell County Public School's STEAM Program and requests that all applicants apply for a national background check.

Job Location: 4646 Patterson School Drive, Lenoir, NC 28645

Compensation and Hours: 20-30 hours a week; annual pay range is \$13,000-22,000, salary commensurate with experience.

Benefits:

- Flexible Hours
- Up to ½ acre and equipment usage for personal planting/farming
- Free On-Site Housing, water and electric
- 2 Weeks Paid Vacation Annually

Qualifications:

- Organic and Sustainable Farming Experience – tractor/implement usage, knowledge and enthusiasm for organic management
- Teamwork and Project Management – ability to work in close communication with other teams to complete projects, leadership for on-site building and planting projects working with program participants, volunteers and interns
- Enthusiasm for Working with Community – ability and willingness to share farming knowledge with program participants as part of the new Incubator Farm program, and work to grow the program's impact in the local and regional community by working directly with community members.
- Groundskeeping/Site Maintenance Experience – operating tractor and lawnmower, chainsaw, plant upkeep

Duties:

- Tend blueberries, blackberries, nut and fruit trees
- Plant sorghum seed for molasses at proper time and tend it
- Help recruit, work with, and supervise Incubator Farmers (IFs) through the farm business start-up process offered through the program
- Lead on-site farm building and planting projects to completion, managing team and volunteer support
- Help maintain the good appearance of the PSF grounds with seasonal mowing and cover cropping

The deadline for applications is February 30th, with a start date of early-mid March. Please email a resume and short cover letter to benloomis@pattersonschoolfoundation.org. More information on the Incubator Farm program and PSF at www.pattersonschoolfoundation.org.