

Racine Area Youth Farm Corps
Racine Dominican Eco-Justice Center
7133 Michna Road
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
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2019 CREW MEMBER APPLICATION

The Racine Area Youth Farm Corps is seeking energetic high school students (age 15-19) interested in working in the field of sustainable local food and farming using organic practices. Are you looking for a meaningful summer job? We are hiring a team of area high school students to grow, cook, promote and market healthy food that we will raise on our farm. Successful candidates will be hard-working team players interested in the environment and agriculture who wish to have a positive impact on their community and environment by participating in small-scale farming.

Racine Area Youth Farm Corps Crew Member - Position Details

Who: Youth (ages 15 - 19) who are hard-working team players interested in growing personally and professionally in this youth job skills development program. Applicants must be willing to work

outdoors in all conditions, have reliable transportation, and be available to attend an interview.

What: 2 unique paid positions are available: The first is employment over the summer season during school break for a total of 330 hours. The second position is a partnership with the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development YA (Youth Apprentice), employment extends into the school

year for a total of 450 hours, and includes school credits.

*Compensation is \$8.00/hourly rate before taxes, paid bi-weekly. Both positions begin June 10, 2019**.

Job position one: <u>3 Month Crew Member</u> Work on the farm to grow, eat and distribute vegetables through farmers' market sales and community donations. Develop work experience and agricultural skills while working within a collaborative team. You will be growing using sustainable organic practices in the field and in a hoop house: plant, cultivate, harvest, wash/pack along with farmer market sales. Additional farm work required is animal care and barn yard chores for alpaca, goats, rabbits and fowl.

Job position two: <u>6 Month Crew Member</u> Inclusive of 3 month base crew responsibilities, this crew member will extend their hours through fall for continued farm work. We sponsor one crew member through The Academies of Racine Youth Apprentice Program in the area of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources. The career track primary is the Plants Pathway with additional experience in the Animals Pathway. Youth Apprentice employment is paid for 450 hours total with the work season extending September through November 22, averaging additional 5 hours per week for 11 weeks. This apprentice also works additional 6 hours/week for 11 weeks at area farmers markets and Eco-Justice events. Note that farmers markets can also occur in spring during the month of May.

When:

The summer program schedule runs June 10, 2019^{**} through August 30, 2019. Applicants must be able to attend the entire program. Work shift is Monday through Friday 7:30 am -2:00 pm with one ½ hour unpaid lunch. A program break occurs the week of July 1-5, resulting in an 11-week program. Additional paid hours and some late afternoons will be offered on the schedule for cooking demonstrations, farmers' markets, and Youth Farm Corps events.

** June start date may be postposed based on Racine Unified adjustment due to inclement weather.

Where: Eco-Justice Center, 7133 Michna Road, Racine, WI 53402

The Eco-Justice Center is a 15-acre farm supporting educational programming on the environment, and green and healthy living. The Center supports educational programming to inspire people to value healthy food, land, and community through experiences on our farm.

Requirements: Must be able to bend, crouch, and stand for extended periods as farming requires strength and stamina. Ability to lift 50 lbs., work with hands in the soil, handle farm tools, and be outside in all weather conditions considered safe. Program preference is given to residents of Racine County or outlying area who qualify for free and or reduced lunch, and can commit for the entire season.

Interested? Return the application to S. Rejane Cytacki at the above address or via email to youthfarmcorps@ecojusticecenter.org postmarked no later than **April 22, 2019**

For more information about the Racine Area Youth Farm Corps program:

Contact Dawn DeMuyt, Youth Farm Corps Program Manager dawn@ecojusticecenter.org 262-681-8527 or S. Rejane Cytacki, Executive Director at rejane@ecojusticecenter.org 262-681-8527

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APPLICANT INFORMATION – Racine Area Youth Farm Corps Crew Member: Home Address: _____State:_______ZIP:_____ Home Telephone: (_____) _____Cell Telephone: (____) Email Address: _____ Current Age: _____Date of Birth: ____/____/ ____ Month Day Year SCHOOL INFORMATION: Current School Name: _____School City/Town: _____ School Telephone: (_____) _____Current Grade Level: _____ Do you receive free and/or reduced lunch? PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE: If no previous work experience, please check here Name of Employer:______Your Position: _____ Employer Address: ______ City: _____ State: _____ Employer Telephone: (_____)____Name of Supervisor: _____ Beginning of Employment:_____End of Employment:_____ Skills Learned: ______ PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: Parent/Guardian Name: Place of Employment:_______ Work Telephone: (_____) _____ Home Telephone: (______) ______Cell Telephone: (______) _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address: ______ This person is my: Legal Guardian ____ Mother ___ Father ___ Relative: ____ ADDITIONAL ADULT EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: Place of Employment: Work Telephone: () Cell Telephone: (______)____Email Address: _____ My relationship to this person is:

APP	LICATION QUESTIONS – Racine Area Youth Farm Corps Crew Member:
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	conses should be in complete sentences. Please write as completely as you can and try to use all of the see provided. You may attach a separate sheet if you need more room.
1	What interests you about this job and what do you hope to gain? Please indicate any interest you might have in farming, gardening, cooking, and personal/professional development.
2	Working outside is often wonderful, but also sometimes quite difficult. Are you willing and able to work outside in challenging conditions (high heat, rain, mud, biting bugs, thorny weeds, etc.)? Please share experiences you have with physical labor.
3	What do you consider to be your strengths? How will your strengths help the Racine Area Youth Farm Corp?

4	What will be your biggest challenge working with the Racine Area Youth Farm Corps? How will you cope with it?
5	Describe a time when you helped a friend, family member, or someone in your community. What was the situation and what did you do? How did you feel about it?
6	The four core values of the Racine Eco-Justice are: community, contemplation, creativity, and cultivation. Please choose one of these values and briefly describe what it means to you.
7	How will you get to and from work Monday through Friday in the summer (June 3 – August 30 from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)? Would you be available on Saturday or Sunday weekend mornings/afternoons for Farmer's Markets, or a week day afternoons for Farmer's Markets?

Please list three adults who know you well such as a teacher, coach, employer, minister, etc. Please do not list members of your family. We will call references listed prior to interviews.

Reference #1:		
Name:	Telephone: (_)
Title:	Organization/School:	
Address:	City:	State:_
Email:		
How long have you known this person?		
Reference #2:		
Name:	Telephone: (_)
Title:	Organization/School:	
Address:	City:	State:_
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How long have you known this person?		
Reference #3:		
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