



2017 Decatur Farm to School Summer Internship Grant Program

Application

Decatur Farm to School invites eligible Decatur High School students to apply for the 2017 Decatur Farm to School Summer Internship Grant.

Program Summary

Internship grantees will work with local farmers, chefs, restaurant managers, and market managers as they learn what it takes to grow, sell, procure, and prepare fresh produce and local foods. In addition to training in Farm to School concepts, grantees will work at two locations during the summer to gain exposure to both the agricultural and consumer sides of Farm to Table.

Internship hosts include Farm Burger, Leon's Full Service, Love is Love Farm, Global Growers Network, Community Farmers Markets, and the Wylde Center.

Decatur Farm to School will:

- Give each grantee a \$500 stipend.
- Provide support from the Decatur Farm to School Manager throughout the summer.
- Provide training and internship opportunities as described.
- If desired, review any oral or written work the grantee creates for the program.
- Assist grantee in preparing a resume bullet point about their internship.

Grant Recipients will:

- Work with local farmers, chefs, and restaurant managers for a total of six (6) weeks for ten (10) hours per week, completing assigned tasks.
- After completion of the program, write an article and give a brief presentation reflecting on the internship experience.
- Participate in program training and debriefing.
- Get involved behind-the-scenes at some outstanding local businesses and have a great summer!

Eligibility: Program is open to students who will be sophomores, juniors, and seniors at DHS this fall.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 28. RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED May 5.

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Name:

Grade as of Fall 2017:

Birthdate:

E-mail:

Phone:

Please type your responses and attach additional sheets as necessary.

- 1) **Statement of Interest** (no more than 250 words): Why are you applying for a Decatur Farm to School Summer Internship Grant? What interests you about this program?
- 2) **Statement of Goals** (no more than 250 words): What are three personal goals you hope to achieve by participating in this program?
- 3) **Statement of Experience** (no more than 250 words): What culinary, farm, business or other relevant experience will you bring to this program?
- 4) Please rank the following internship choices, with **1** being your highest preference and **3** being your lowest. While we will work to accommodate your preference, we cannot guarantee you will get your first choice:
____ **Love to Cook:** Immerse yourself in organic gardening at Love is Love Farm, then learn to take it to the table at Leon's Full Service.
____ **Wylde about Organics:** Get hands-on experience in organic community gardening at one of the Wylde Center's gardens, then see how local food gets to our plate at Farm Burger.
____ **Seed to Stand:** Work with local refugee farmers through Global Growers Network, then learn what it takes to market your produce with Community Farmers Markets.
- 5) If selected, I commit to the full six-week program, working ten (10) hours per week – dates and times to be determined between you and your internship coordinator – and completing all training, debriefing, and required assignments. _____ (student initial) _____ (parent initial)
- 6) If selected, I give (my student) permission for my (student's) photograph and final essay to be used in DF2S and Wylde Center publications and media _____ (student initial) _____ (parent initial)
- 7) Please attach one (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has worked with you in any capacity at any time during the past two (2) years.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Application Submission

- Applications are due by **April 28, 2016**.
- **E-mail submission:** E-mail your completed application to Nichole Lupo (Farm to School Manager at the Wylde Center) at nichole@wyldecenter.org. Include "DF2S Internship Grant Application" in the subject line.
- **Hard copy submission:** Mail or hand deliver to:
Nichole Lupo, Wylde Center, 435 Oakview Rd., Decatur GA 30030.
- **Questions?** Contact Nichole Lupo at nichole@wyldecenter.org or 404-771-0402