Job opening for high school freshmen and sophomores!

Do you want to learn how to grow food, start your own business, and get paid while doing it?!

We are looking for high schoolers for paid positions in the Growing Entrepreneurs Program at the New Haven Land Trust. For more information and applications visit https://www.newhavenlandtrust.org/growing-entrepreneurs-1 email info@newhavenlandtrust.org, ask your guidance counselor, or join us at a volunteer day!

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Growing Entrepreneurs Job Application

The “Growing Entrepreneurs” program is a two-year program for high school freshmen and sophomores run by the New Haven Land Trust and New Haven Farms which are nonprofit organizations that have community gardens and farms throughout the city.

**What is the program about?**
The program teaches 6 different types of skills: entrepreneurial skills, professional skills, carpentry skills, gardening skills, character skills, and knowledge of environmental issues. In 2020 there will be 3 program tracks with different focuses: Farm Business, Composting, and Individual Business.

- **Farm Business with New Haven Farms:** Cultivate vegetables, fruits, and seedlings to sell to restaurants and at a farm stand
- **Composting:** Collect food waste from around the city by bike and produce compost
- **Individual Business:** Pilot your own business idea that incorporates food/agriculture/carpentry

**Is this a “job” or an “extracurricular activity”?**
Both! As a Growing Entrepreneur you will get paid $11/hour for the 5 hours you work every week. You can also earn commission from the profits of your business ventures.

**What about the summer?**
In January, all Growing Entrepreneurs need to go through the process of applying for Youth@Work. During the 5 weeks of Youth@Work in the summer we work 25 hours a week.

**More questions?**
Feel free to contact the program coordinator Esther at esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org or call (203) 562-6655.
You can also read more about the program and the current participates on our website at https://www.newhavenlandtrust.org/growing-entrepreneurs-1
We will also host two volunteer days in November so that you can see what the job involves. Candidates who come to a volunteer day and are on-task and enthusiastic will be at an advantage for getting offered the position.

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**Application instructions:**
Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application fully! To hand it in please drop it off or mail it to 817 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511 Suite 102 or scan it or take a picture of it with your phone and email it to esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org by December 20th.
You can expect an answer about the position in mid January via email.
Name: ________________________ School: ________________________________
Graduation year: ________ Phone number: (_____) -
Email address: 
Neighborhood (if you don’t know just put your street name):

Approximate annual household income: ___________ Number of people in your household: ___________

This job meets two times a week—–one afternoon after school for 2-3 hours and one weekend day for 3-5 hours. Please fill out the chart by writing down any blocks of time you are available. For example, Saturday “8am-6pm” or Monday “2pm-6pm”

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List the current after-school activities you are committed to (sports, clubs, etc):

How will you organize your schedule so that you can be present and on time for work?

Why do you want to participate in the program?

Which Track are you most interested in? Circle one or rank all three:
Farm Business  Composting  Individual Business

Why are you interested in this track?

Do you like being outside? What is an activity you like to do outdoors?

Have you had a job before? Do you have one currently?

The dictionary defines entrepreneurship as “the activity of setting up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.” What does “entrepreneurship” mean to you?
Do you know what you want to be when you are older? Why does this career interest you?

Describe any carpentry experience you have.

Describe any gardening experience you have.

Describe a time you had to work in a group. How did you solve issues that came up?

What are some of your greatest personal strengths?

Have you done any community service? What did you do?

Describe an issue that you are passionate about in your community (this could be your neighborhood or your city or your country or even the world).

In your opinion, what is the most urgent environmental issue we face today? Why is this issue important?

Do you enjoy manual labor like lifting, shoveling, building, etc? What manual projects have you done? (For example, mowing your lawn, painting, loading and unloading furniture)

What is a skill you would like to improve?