

Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.

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JOB DESCRIPTION:

Start Date: February 1, 2018

Position Title: Farm Manager, the Farm at Kelly Miller

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Dreaming Out Loud's mission is to create economic opportunities for the DC metro region's marginalized community members through building a healthy, equitable food system. Dreaming Out Loud is rebuilding urban, community-based food systems through social enterprise, helping to increase access to healthy food and improve community health, develop low-income entrepreneurs and cooperatives, and train at-risk adult residents for sustainable, family-supporting wages.

POSITION SUMMARY:

Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. seeks a creative, independent individual with leadership and farming experience as well as demonstrated passion for food access, community organizing, and urban agriculture to manage all aspects of the Farm at Kelly Miller. The Farm at Kelly Miller is an innovative, urban farm and food hub operated by Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. in partnership with the District Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Energy and the Environment, and community-based and nonprofit partners. The Farm will be a community-based center of agricultural learning, including workshops and classes, as well as farm-to-school, STEAM integration with Kelly Miller Middle School. Intensive, organic farming and collaborative food system infrastructure will increase access to healthy food, strengthen residents' ability to improve community food security, provide infrastructure and training to support low-income entrepreneurs, and create neighborhood-based employment.

DOL is working toward a just and sustainable food system by improving neighborhood access to healthy food, providing experience-based education, and developing an economically viable, environmentally responsible local agriculture sector. The Farm at Kelly Miller is situated on a 2.0 acres in Ward 7 -- very near to the public housing communities of Lincoln Heights, Clay Terrace / Richard Dwellings -- where there are just two (2) grocery stores for more than 75,000 people.

The Farm Manager will plan and coordinate all agricultural, community outreach, and education activities at the Farm at Kelly Miller (FKM). While primarily focused on managing food growing, coordination will occur with Supply Chain Manager, DREAM Program Coordinator, DOL Organic Garden Coordinator, and Education Coordinator on marketing, outreach, production, and education goals, respectively. The selected candidate will work 40 hours per week and receive salary plus benefits including supported health care, dental, WMATA SmartTrip benefits, and flexible schedules.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage and implement all food production activities at the FKM including diversified vegetables, crop-planning, daily work activities, and special projects.
- Manage infrastructure development at FKM, including compost, post-harvest, signage, communal spaces, and irrigation.
- Coordinate with DOL Organic Garden Coordinator, Supply Chain Manager to develop crops plans and connect product to markets including CSA, restaurant, Mobile Farmers Market, and more.
- Coordinate and support community garden with community members/volunteers.
- Draft and manage FKM budget with support from farm staff.
- Manage FKM team including farm assistants, interns, and volunteers.

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- Coordinate with FoodCorps Service Member, Partners (including interns) to integrate KMMS and community youth into farm programming.
- Coordinate with workforce development program leads and trainees to integrate and training programs
- Coordinate with farm staff to track data and oversee goal-setting and evaluations at FKM.
- Engage in DOL's meetings and activities as necessary, including staff meetings, supervisor meetings, Day of Service, etc.
- Occasionally present to donors and stakeholders about farm operations and programs
- Assist Director of Operations & Resource Development with text for funding proposals
- Periodically represent DOL at community meetings to engage with residents

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Volunteer experience and/or AmeriCorps service a plus.
- Experience in carpentry, staff management, budget management, community relations and equipment a plus.
- Driver's license (a driving record will be requested as well)
- Drug test and a criminal background check will be required
- Demonstrated ability to creatively solve problems
- Computer skills and experience with database entry

COMPENSATION:

This position is PAID: salaried, \$45,000.00 - \$55,000.00

DOL provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or genetics. In addition to federal law requirements, DOL complies with applicable state and local laws governing nondiscrimination in employment in every location in which the organization has facilities. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, and transfer, leaves of absence, compensation and training.

APPLY:

Send your resume and cover letter with the subject line: LAST NAME -Farm Manager by Friday, January 5, 2018 at 5:00pm to opportunity@dreamingoutloud.org or mail your response to Starsha Valentine, Director of Operations and Resource Development, at 419 7th Street NW, 3rd Floor Washington, DC, 20009. If your application is selected, we will contact you to set up an interview! Applicants will be interviewed on a rolling basis. Call with any questions at 202-800-2612 ext.104.