



Clarfield Farm Summer Youth Program

❖ What is the Youth Program?

The Youth Program is a paid, eight-week summer work program for high school students ages 15-18. Crew members will develop essential job and life skills while increasing their understanding of farming, healthy eating, and food security.

Youth will work with farm staff and volunteers to assist in maintaining Clarfield Farm. Exposure to all aspects of a commercial, community-oriented farm, will help participants gain an understanding of farm operations, agriculture, and business principles while positively impacting their community.

❖ What would I be doing?

Crew members will:

- ✚ Participate in farm activities on a weekly basis. Tasks will include but are not limited to planting, harvesting, weeding, and watering. Some tasks require heavy lifting. This work takes place in all weather conditions including heat and rain.
- ✚ Help run a farmers market. Participants will handle planning, set-up, staffing, and take down of market.
- ✚ Learn through a variety of hands-on activities and workshops. Themes will include food, food justice, agriculture, nutrition, communication, money management, and conflict resolution.

✚ What qualities and experiences are we looking for in youth?

We will interview and select students who:

- Demonstrate the ability to get along and work well with others
- Are willing to get dirty, work hard, and participate in challenging work in all kinds of weather
- Are interested in receiving training to develop on-the-job skills
- Are comfortable working with a diverse group of employees and volunteers
- Demonstrate an interest in helping their community
- Will comply with all Youth Program policies and procedures provided at orientation
- Are able to lift 25 lbs.



✚ When is the program?

The program runs from June 11 to August 1, 2018

Youth Program **orientation day is June 7**

Graduation ceremony is August 8

All crew members must attend an orientation day and be present on the closing week.

✚ What is the weekly schedule?

- **Mondays**
8am – 2pm (include half hour lunch)
- **Tuesdays**
Alternating weekly between
8am – 12pm OR 3pm – 7pm
- **Wednesdays**
8am – 12pm

✚ How much would I be paid?

Crew members will receive a total of \$500 for completing the program. Crew member will receive a biweekly stipend of \$125 for successful attendance and participation in the program.

Additional benefits include:

- ServeSafe training and certification
- T-Shirt
- A weekly share of farm vegetables
- Letter of recommendation upon successful completion of the program

✚ How do I apply?

1. Fill out the following application form. Please answer all question honestly and in full sentences. Be sure to sign the last page of the application and have a parent or guardian sign as well.
2. Give the reference form to a teacher, employer, volunteer supervisor, counselor, or coach to fill out.
3. **Return completed application and reference form to the Marion-Franklin Opportunity Center located at: 2740 Lockbourne Road Columbus, Ohio 43207**
***Application Deadline is May 16**