

## **The Bronx 8 Growing Futures Summer Internship**

The Bronx 8 Growing Futures Summer Internship participants will experience the food systems process from seed to plate by growing, maintaining and harvesting produce from four community gardens in the Northwest Bronx.

Interns will work in the gardens at Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH), Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC), Marble Hill Community Center (MHCC), Friends of Van Cortlandt Park (FVP), and JFK HS Campus: The Enchanted Garden (JFK). This program is a **stipend-based paid** internship that allows participants to develop skills such as problem solving, teamwork and time management and develop an in-depth knowledge of food security, sustainability, horticulture, and community development.

Careers in horticulture and the food-tech industry will be explored and the experience will enhance participants' resumes and/or college applications.

**Desired Skills:** People interested in horticulture, the food systems process and food security issues who want to spend summer in the great outdoors must apply. Applicants should be mature with the ability to work independently and as a team, be reliable, organized, willing to travel between garden sites and have good communication with strong attention to detail.

**Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

**If applying, you must submit the following:**

- Internship Application (1 page)
- Blog (see below)
- 2 Reference Forms
- Working papers (to be submitted if accepted)

When you are satisfied with your **completed** application, please e-mail it to:

**[growingfuturesbronx@gmail.com](mailto:growingfuturesbronx@gmail.com)**

**\*Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview\***

For further information contact Barbara Denson: [bdenson@riverdalesenior.org](mailto:bdenson@riverdalesenior.org)

**Bronx 8 Growing Futures Summer Internship Application Form 2019**

**I. Applicant's Contact Information (Please print clearly using a blue or black ink pen.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Cell)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Gender: Female \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_

**II. Education**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Borough: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other activities or responsibilities that you have during the internship period:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Parent or Guardian Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home or cell) (Work)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home or cell) (Work)

**IV. Work Experience (Please list all previous employment, internship, and volunteer/ community service experience.)**

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|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Company _____ | Position _____ | Dates of internship _____ |
| 2. Company _____ | Position _____ | Dates of internship _____ |
| 3. Company _____ | Position _____ | Dates of internship _____ |

**Internship Description and Timetable**

The **Growing Futures Summer Internship** will take place in four community gardens in the Northwest Bronx. Interns will assist in the maintenance of these gardens by weeding, planting, watering, harvesting and composting, while learning about horticulture, community development, environmental stewardship, food systems processes and food security issues.

Interns will be required to work four days a week at a different garden daily between **10 am and 4 pm**. Participants will have to **commit to 24 hours per week** for 6 weeks between July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> with an orientation day on July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 6<sup>th</sup>. Interns will be involved in field trips and be required to attend college/career development events during the internship hours.

**Garden Locations**

- KHCC 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bronx, NY 10463
- RNH 5521 Mosholu Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
- MHCC 5365 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463
- JFK 99 Terrace View Ave, Bronx, NY 10463
- FVP 80 Van Cortlandt Park S, Bronx, NY 10463

**VIII. References** The last two pages include 2 reference forms. Please identify and give to **2 reliable people** (teachers/guidance counselors, coaches, club advisors, previous employers, family friends, or neighbors) who can vouch for your good character and who have known you for at least *six months*. **Please ensure that the reference forms are returned with the completed application.**

I hereby certify that the information listed is complete.

This Youth Internship Program application is true.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **VIII. Blog**

On a separate page, blog about why we should hire you. Describe yourself and your career goals. What is your interest in gardening and urban agriculture. What are your expectations of having a job and being part of a community gardening internship program?

This blog is informal and describes your own experiences and observations. It should be at least **150 words and MUST be typed. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR AND SPELLING. IT COUNTS!!**

**Reference Form****Growing Futures Summer Internship 2019****Name of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To Whom It May Concern,** The applicant named above has applied for the Growing Futures Summer Internship a community initiative through Bon Secours Health Systems. As a part of our application process, we require each applicant to obtain one reference to assist us in our selection process. Please rate the applicant objectively based on your personal or professional relationship. Thank You

**Name of referee:** \_\_\_\_\_**(Please print)****Please rate the applicant by the following criteria:**

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Competence/Ability to learn and perform assigned tasks				
Leadership skills				
Interpersonal skills				
Creativity				
Dress & Personal Appearance				
Dependability				
Quality of work and workmanship				
Initiative				
Cooperation				
Ability to work with others/ teamwork				
Patience				

**I know this applicant as:** Student \_\_\_\_ Employee \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_**If employed, list their duties:** \_\_\_\_\_**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed reference form to [growingfuturesbronx@gmail.com](mailto:growingfuturesbronx@gmail.com) . If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact Barbara Denson on [barbara\\_denson@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara_denson@hotmail.com)

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_**Position/Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position/Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_