



MEADOWSCAPING FOR BIODIVERSITY

Empowering Youth to Heal the Planet

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APPLICATION Package:
Youth Environmental Entrepreneurship Program
High School Student Application
Summer 2022

Meadowscaping for Biodiversity (MS4B, www.meadowmaking.org) is a STEAM-subject, project-based, environmental education organization that empowers youth and adults to take positive steps for the environment and themselves by planting pollinator-attracting, native plant gardens and meadows. Since 2014, we have inspired hundreds of youth and their families to restore biodiverse habitats and build resilient communities while transforming more than 11,000 square feet of park, school, houses of worship, and residential lawns into functional gardens in the greater Boston area.

In our flagship Youth Environmental Entrepreneurship Program (YEEP), teens and college students get paid to learn how to create ecosystems gardens and run a specialty landscape service business where they sell and install native plants and remove invasive plants.

We accept high school students ages 15-18. Students younger than 18 must get a work permit either on-line from the state of Massachusetts or from the prospective employer. The school's guidance counselor must sign the certificate, and then the student should return it to the employer. Pay is \$15.00/hour for 20 hours/week. Work begins on July 1 and ends on August 20. Some students may work after August 20, if they are needed.

We give youth the tools to work toward goals and opportunities that are not addressed by their academic or extra-curricular experiences. For example, some high school courses provide only a cursory look at climate change, leaving students unaware of the environmental challenges they face. We intend to awaken participants' interest in the intersection of nature, healthy ecosystems, entrepreneurial thinking, and environmental justice. Our hands-on curriculum helps youth increase knowledge of native plants, business, career paths, and community engagement. As a result, youth emerge proud of their accomplishments and confident in their ability to earn money and advocate for themselves, their families, and communities.

Fill in pages 2 and 3 of this application package, take a photo, and send it to bpassero@meadowmaking.org.

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DATE: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION: (Please print neatly)

FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____ LAST NAME: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Permanent Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Applicant email _____ Cell: _____
Best times to reach you? _____ Date of Birth: _____

ACADEMIC REFERENCE:

Advisor/Supervisor
Title _____ Name _____
SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____ Department: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____ LAST NAME: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____
I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR _____ TO WORK WITH MEADOWSCAPING
FOR BIODIVERSITY OUTDOORS AND INDOORS ON WHATEVER WORK IS ASSIGNED.
Physician contact information: _____ Phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE

DATE RECEIVED _____ **DATE RESPONSE SENT** _____ **Accepted: YES** _____ **NO** _____
NOTES _____

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Application Checklist - please ensure your application is complete

- Cover letter attached. Please describe your interests, courses, accomplishments, and the reasons you would like to work with us.
- Resumé attached.
- Letter of reference attached from academic advisor/work supervisor or other relevant person.
- Signature of Teacher.
- Signature of Parent or Guardian.
- Signature of Student.

Application Permissions – Parents/Guardians, please initial online for each item.

- My child has no medical conditions or allergies to poison ivy, bees, or grass that would prevent themselves from enjoying working outdoors.**
- I understand that my child will be working outdoors removing lawn, planting flowers, cleaning up after each day.
- I understand that my child will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. If my child doesn't follow the rules (putting cell phones away, paying attention, showing enthusiasm for subject matter, respect for speakers, etc.), then we will issue a warning to students. Three warnings and we will speak to parents/guardians.
- We will give students one or more breaks during each session. One break will be to go outside.
- I understand that safety (students' safety and staff) will be MS4B's first consideration and that leaders will receive safety training from appropriate staff.
- When outdoors, my child will wear appropriate clothing for the weather as defined here: socks, shoes (no sandals), pants, t-shirt, sweater, jeans, shorts (but no short shorts), sunhat or baseball cap. Bring water container. We will provide sun protection.
- I give permission to MS4B to publish my child's writings or drawings in their publications and in Magazines and on the Internet.
- I give permission to MS4B to publish my child's photos in publications and on MS4B's website on the Internet. I understand that I will receive copies of everything.
- Please send a copy of press releases and photos to my home newspaper
Name: _____
Address: _____

✓APPLICANT

Signature: _____ Date: _____

✓PARENT/GUARDIAN

Signature: _____ Date: _____

✓ADVISOR

Signature: _____ Date: _____

