

MEADOWSCAPING FOR BIODIVERSITY

Empowering Youth to Heal the Planet

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APPLICATION package **YEEP Outdoor Educator/Mentor** **Summer 2022**

Meadowscaping for Biodiversity (MS4B, www.meadowmaking.org) is a STEAM-subject, project-based, environmental education program that empowers youth to take positive steps for the environment and themselves. In our flagship Youth Environmental Entrepreneurship Program (YEEP), we pay teens an hourly wage while college mentors teach them about native plants, how to design and install functional gardens that restore biodiversity and provide habitat for pollinators and other essential creatures. We build resilient communities while transforming thousands of square feet of park, school, houses of worship, and residential lawns into gardens and meadows.

This program gives youth the tools to work toward goals and opportunities that are not addressed by their academic or extra-curricular experiences. We intend to awaken participants' interest in the intersection of nature, healthy ecosystems, entrepreneurial thinking, and environmental justice. Our custom hands-on curriculum increases 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 their communities.

Outdoor Educator/Mentor – June – August 2022 – 30 hours/week – \$20/hour.

Responsibilities: College mentors teach from our teams of students to Learn about native plants, landscaping techniques, business operations and marketing and sales. Supervise team members in garden installation and business development. Work with MS4B staff supervisors to shape and deliver curriculum materials and model positive peer and customer interactions. Work with MS4B staff and homeowners to design attractive gardens, meadows, and rain swales. Facilitate communication with homeowner. Most of work takes place outdoors under summer weather conditions.

Common skills and duties for all positions: College or graduate student. 19+ years old. Self-directed and works well independently and with a team. Good judgment. Writing, spreadsheet, and social media skills. Science background, strong interest in environmental issues and understanding of business and marketing are desirable. Creativity welcome. Students from marginalized communities encouraged to apply. Miscellaneous duties as assigned.

Common skills and duties for summer positions: Energetic and experienced working with teens. Willing to get dirty. Calm demeanor. Good role model. Ensure safety of students at all times, participate in planning and training sessions, assist in setting up classroom/workspace. Self-directed and works well in a team. Good judgment. Science background/willing to learn new things. Business background helpful but not essential. Interns could work part of spring and summer semesters. Additional hours may be available during the summer. MS4B staff will be available to provide guidance on any issue.

JOIN US! BE AN ECO-HERO!

Any questions? Please contact Barbara Passero at 782-209-0052 or bpassero@meadowmaking.org

APPLICATION
YEEP Outdoor Educator/Mentor
JUNE - AUGUST 2022

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: _____
FORMAL COLLEGE INTERNSHIP Paid Unpaid Hours Required

Date must be completed _____ Forms
Required: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION: A name must be provided here in case of an emergency.

FIRST NAME: _____ **MI:** _____ **LAST NAME:** _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____ (cell) _____
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

Name: _____

Outdoor Educator/Mentor

Application Checklist - please ensure your application is complete

- _____ Cover letter attached. Describe your interests, courses, accomplishments, and the reasons you would like to work with us.
- _____ Resumé attached.
- _____ College Internship forms attached, if applicable.
- _____ Letter of reference attached from academic advisor/work supervisor, or other relevant supervisor.

Application Permissions - please initial on each line for each item

- _____ **I have no medical conditions or allergies to poison ivy, bees, or grass that would prevent my enjoying working outdoors.**
- _____ I have food allergies as noted here _____.
- _____ I will be working outdoors in gardens, removing invasive plants, supervising, and mentoring small teams of high school youth.
- _____ I will post stories on social media and meadowmaking.org every week.
- _____ Safety (students' safety and my own) will be my first consideration. I will keep band aids and safety items on hand.
- _____ I will wear appropriate clothing as defined here: socks, shoes (no sandals), jeans or shorts (but no short shorts), sunhat or baseball cap. Bring water container and lunch. We will provide sun protection and healthy snacks.
- _____ I give permission to MS4B to publish my writing and drawing in their publications, magazines, and on the Internet.
- _____ I give permission to MS4B to publish my photo in publications and on the website. I will receive copies of everything published.
- _____ My home newspaper will receive copies of press releases and photos.
Home newspaper name: _____
Address: _____

✓APPLICANT

Signature: _____ Date: _____]

My son/daughter has my permission to work outdoors to install gardens, attend events and field trips

✓PARENT

Signature: _____ Date: _____]

Fill out and sign this form. Send form with items on checklist above to Barbara Passero, MS4B, 174 Moody St., #244, Waltham, MA 02473

Please keep a copy for your records. We'll email you when we receive your application.