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**2021 Seasonal Gardener Job Description - East Harlem, Manhattan**

**Reports to:** Head Garden Manager

**Application Deadline:** Friday, March 12, 2021

Edible Schoolyard NYC is seeking a temporary, seasonal gardener/urban farmer to help care for the P.S./M.S.007 school garden during the growing season, from April 13 to September 24, 2021. This position with Edible Schoolyard NYC reports to the Head Garden Manager. It offers a unique opportunity for aspiring urban gardeners and farmers to learn about the day to day management of an educational school garden through hands-on experience, in a supportive, collaborative environment.

Edible Schoolyard NYC's (ESYNYC) mission is to support edible education for every child in New York City. ESYNYC partners with NYC public schools to cultivate healthy students and communities through hands-on cooking and gardening education, transforming children's relationship with food and promoting healthier school environments. Inspired by Edible Schoolyard Project in Berkeley and its founder Alice Waters, ESYNYC was founded in 2010 to help students in underserved NYC communities disproportionately affected by food system inequities. ESYNYC currently works with seven schools, serving 2,800 students in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx. In addition to serving NYC public school children, ESYNYC teaches other education professionals how to bring edible education to more students through Professional Development workshops.

Edible Schoolyard NYC's site in East Harlem is at P.S./M.S. 007, the Samuel Stern Campus. It includes a large greenhouse, a native/pollinator shade garden, a rooftop garden, vegetable beds, and a shade structure that houses our tropical plant collection during the warm months.

**Work Schedule:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 5:00pm (24 hours/week)  
Wednesday, April 12, 2021 - Friday, September 24, 2021 (24 weeks)

**Primary Responsibilities:**

Work independently on task lists developed in collaboration with the Head Garden Manager to ensure that the garden is productive, tidy, and supports organizational needs. Communicate with program team to coordinate garden tasks, harvests, and use of shared spaces.

- All aspects of vegetable gardening, including seed-starting, planting, watering, harvesting, weeding, trellising, and pest management.





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- Maintain paths and meeting areas, keep storage areas in good condition, report any supplies and repairs needed to Head Garden Manager.
- Perform summer cleaning on toolshed, greenhouse, and other shared areas.
- Perform light garden carpentry and tool and equipment maintenance and repairs.
- Prepare the garden for community events and activities, as needed.

**Qualifications and Expectations:**

- We work hard at working together. The Seasonal Gardener will be asked to keep their mind, ears and heart open in order to collaborate happily with the garden team, faculty, and members of the community.
- The Seasonal Gardener must be comfortable with active, physical outdoor work in a range of weather conditions, and should be able to lift 50 lbs.
- At least one year of gardening and/or landscaping experience is required. A personal interest in urban farming and willingness to learn is a plus.
- We strongly prefer candidates who live within comfortable commuting distance of East Harlem, Manhattan.
- The Seasonal Gardener is expected to be on time, task-oriented, and able to work independently.
- The Seasonal Gardener must be fingerprinted and pass a background check with the Department of Education.

**Compensation:** \$18/hour, unlimited MetroCard, and fresh produce as available to take home.

Edible Schoolyard NYC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status.

**To Apply:**

Please email a cover letter and resume as a PDF attachment to [jobs@esynyc.org](mailto:jobs@esynyc.org) with the subject line “Seasonal Gardener – East Harlem” by Friday, March 12, 2021.

