

Position Description

Position Title: Youth Therapeutic Horticulture Intern

Status: Part-time or Full-time/Hourly

Department: Education

Reports directly to: Buehler Enabling Garden Coordinator

Organizational Description: Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre world-class paradise, featuring the flora and cultures of the tropics and subtropics between the latitudes of 26 degrees north and 26 degrees south, including Brazil, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Florida. The Garden's mission is to connect people and plants through display, education, conservation and science. The Garden's hands-on Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, along with 90 acres of beautifully restored native habitats, formal Gardens, walking trails, and Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden offer education and enjoyment for people of all ages. Naples Botanical Garden is a 501(c)3 organization.

Position Summary: Naples Botanical Garden is seeking a Youth Therapeutic Horticulture Intern to collaborate with Garden staff to develop and execute therapeutic horticulture programs for youth with special needs. This is a temporary, part-time or full-time position.

Primary duties:

- Develop, plan, and execute field trip programs for children in special education classrooms
- Organize and prepare materials and supplies related to therapeutic horticulture programs
- Assist Garden staff with garden-related duties and assignments

Requirements:

- High school diploma or higher; preferably pursuing a degree in special education, environmental education, or therapy-related discipline
- Experience teaching or working with youth with special needs
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Highly organized and motivated with a strong work ethic
- Excellent communication skills, enthusiasm, and a desire to learn
- Willingness and ability to work full days outdoors in a hot and humid environment and ability to lift and carry at least 35 pounds
- Possess a commitment to the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants with a demonstrated ability and interest in gardening.
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including at least two weekend days per month and holidays
- Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license and reliable transportation
- Will be required to undergo a background check prior to being hired

To Apply: Please provide a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references by email to resumes@naplesgarden.org. Naples Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Garden has a long-standing policy of employment and advancement based solely upon qualifications to perform the essential elements of a position without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.