

## **Earn Credit to Work with Downtown Greens Garden Education Internship**

Downtown Greens is a nonprofit founded in 1995 in downtown Fredericksburg with a mission to foster community involvement and growth by protecting and nurturing urban greenspace through collaborative environmental stewardship and experiential education.

**Position:** Garden Education Intern

### **Internship Description**

This internship is designed to give interested college students and recent graduates an immersive experience working on the education team of local nonprofit, Downtown Greens. It provides practical experience in a hands-on setting and gives participants the chance to develop skills needed for a career in non-formal education, such as gardens or parks.

The Garden Education Intern will gain experience with all aspects of our education team: planning and leading portions of our plant-based nature programs, assisting with summer camps, gardening and other light physical work, developing teaching aids, and administrative duties and special projects as assigned.

### **Responsibilities could include:**

- Participate in and help lead education programs and children's half-day camps
- Develop and implement new educational programs for a variety of age groups
- Report data from educational programs
- Assist with development of interpretive materials
- On-the-job training and shadowing as available
- Shadow education team members
- Project: Plan and advertise for neighborhood block party

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Must enjoy and have enthusiasm for working with children
- Experience working with children and participating in outdoor recreation
- Experience or education in Biology, Horticulture, Botany, Education, or Environmental Science is a plus.
- In order to keep our vulnerable populations safe, we ask all staff, including interns, who actively work with children to be fully vaccinated and/or wear CDC approved masks at all times

### **Location and Hours:**

- Position will be located at the Downtown Greens headquarters in Fredericksburg, VA with possibility for remote work as well.

- Additional classroom hours will be completed at the Walker-Grant Center, located adjacent to Downtown Greens.
- Hours will vary depending on individual's schedule, availability and how many college credits they seek, if any.

**To apply:** Email resume and cover letter to [education@downtowngreens.org](mailto:education@downtowngreens.org). Visit [www.downtowngreens.org](http://www.downtowngreens.org) for additional information.