Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

JD Rivers’ Youth Garden Crew

Application due April 1st, 2020

A fun and dynamic summer program awaits you at the JD Rivers’ Children’s Garden (in Theodore Wirth Regional Park). This program is for youth ages 16-20 who are interested in exploring green careers in environmental education, food production, and vegetable marketing.

To apply, please read the information and fill out the application questions below. All emailed applications should be filled out completely and returned to the Environmental Education Lead, Gretchen Engstrom, at gengstrom@minneapolisparks.org, or hard copies can be returned to Gretchen Engstrom at the MPRB offices located at 3800 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

Starting May 5th through October 10th, 2020 our Youth Garden Crew will support youth programs and food production at the JD Rivers’ Children’s Garden. The crew will:

- work with the lead staff to manage a one-acre vegetable garden and orchard
- assist with projects supporting native plants in forest and prairie ecosystems
- prepare and sell produce at a variety of market locations
- support the children’s programming happening at the garden
- learn about cooking with food you grew yourself

Youth Garden Crew positions are paid, are a great opportunity to work outside, build professional skills, and to gain experience in the green career field.

We are looking for youth who meet some or all of the following:
- Have an interest and/or experience with working outside, environmental education, urban food systems, garden marketing, and native ecosystems
- Are between the ages of 16-20 years old
- Have strong communication skills and like to work as a team
- Previous experiences with Teen Teamworks, Mississippi River Green Team, StepUp, or other youth employment program
- Are able to work in the State of MN

The JD Rivers’ Youth Garden Crew will:
- Be employees of the MPRB and will receive paid wages of $13.25/hour
- Work an average of 6 hours per week in the spring (beginning the week of May 5th) and fall (ending the week of October 10th) and 28 hours per week (mostly Monday – Thursday) during the summer (June 8th – September 3rd)
- Need to be able to meet after school in the spring and fall, and on some weekends over the entire program
- Need to go through a background check, as do all seasonal, temporary and full-time employees at the MPRB
Please answer the following questions to complete your application.

**Basic Information:**

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________ Zip Code: __________

Phone number: __________________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________

Age: _______________ Grade in School (if applicable): ____________________________

School you currently attend: ___________________________ or

If you graduated, what school did you attend: _____________________________

**Application Questions:**

1) Why are you interested in working for the JD Rivers’ Children’s Garden and what are you hoping to learn though this experience?

2) What parks do you live near or are you connected to? How do you and your family interact with Minneapolis parks?

3) Have you ever worked for a youth employment program before? Please circle:

   Teen Teamworks          Mississippi River Green Team

   StepUp                  Other: ____________________________
4) Have you had any experience working with children (please describe any paid or volunteer experiences)?

5) Have you ever had a job (paid or volunteer) working outside? If so, what were your responsibilities?

For a paper copy or if you have any questions about this application please write
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