



## Garden Intern

Westosha Senior Community Center

**Overview:** Westosha Senior Community Center is seeking a part-time farm intern to assist its program director/garden coordinator in all work related to its 1-acre garden. The Westosha Senior Community Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit that serves independent seniors from a 3-county region through a variety of physical fitness, creative and social groups. The 1-acre Healing Garden plays an integral role in helping the Center achieve its mission of helping seniors live stronger, longer, healthier lives. Seniors (as well as many non-seniors) volunteer in the garden independently, during organized work parties, and during a weekly class entitled Gardening for Fitness. Additionally, the garden provides significant revenue for the Center, with its produce being sold through a roadside stand.

**About the intern position:** We are looking for an individual who is kind, curious about farming, and capable of doing difficult physical work outdoors in the heat, humidity, mud, with bugs occasionally biting, and weeds often scratching. This individual will help us seed, plant, transplant, weed, prune, trellis, till, hill, irrigate, harvest, wash, package and sell potatoes, beets, carrots, corn, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, zucchinis, peppers, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, lettuce, scallions, onions, and radishes. This individual will be mentored by Program Director/Garden Coordinator Eric Carlberg, who has 15 years farming experience, as well as by members of our center with various gardening backgrounds.

Eric, as an on-site WSCC mentor, offers unique opportunities for personal growth and leadership for college students or recent horticulture graduates. From crew leader at Sandhill Organics to Farm Educational Director at Liberty Prairie Foundation, Eric has launched and directed job-training programs at Prairie Crossing Farm. Creating positive employee culture, he has immersed those he mentored in sustainable farming and farm-to-table cooking while supporting local food systems.

The Center is looking for someone who can work 15-16 hours a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting in mid-April. Pay will be \$10 to 14 an hour based on experience. Additionally, the intern will have access to excess produce. WSCC has a warm, welcoming work culture. We like to work smarter, not harder, so that we can get a lot done without hurting ourselves.

This internship represents a great learning opportunity for those interested in agriculture, horticulture, or people who just love nature and growing things. Additionally, the intern will be providing a great community service, not only to the senior center, but to those from the community who utilize our roadside stand to purchase local produce.

**To inquire:** Please email to explain your interest in this position to [westoshaseniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:westoshaseniorcenter@gmail.com) by Friday, March 17. Please include the best phone number where you can be reached and a resumé if you have one. We will be scheduling interviews for the following week.

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