

MAĤPIYA LÚTA

RED CLOUD

Food Sovereignty

Intern

Supervisor: Director of Food Sovereignty

Program Title: Food Sovereignty

Status: Seasonal/Part Time/ 20hrs a week for 10 Weeks

Classification: Non-Exempt

Prepared &

Approved By: Director of Food Sovereignty & HR

Mission

The mission of Mahpiya Luta/Red Cloud School (ML/RC). Maĥpiya Lúta embraces Lakĥota and Jesuit Catholic values and teachings to grow as a community through education, spiritual formation, Lakĥota language, art, and culture. RCIS includes two elementary schools, a high school, Heritage Center, and six parishes on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in SW South Dakota. By integrating both Lakota culture and heritage with spiritual beliefs from the Lakota and Catholic traditions, RCIS aims to educate both the mind and the heart of its students, creating leaders of tomorrow with competence, conscience, and compassion.

Farm to School Summary:

The Red Cloud Food Sovereignty (FS) Student Intern will be responsible for completing daily farm tasks (including but not limited to weeding, watering, planting, harvesting, and pest management), maintaining spaces to ensure functionality and longevity as well as to create a welcoming and safe environment for youth and other visitors, and provide support for the educational programming offered by the farm to school initiative. FS Interns will work with the Lakota Cultural Foods Coordinator to gather and preserve medicines for use during the school year. Must be willing to work outside in various weather conditions. The FS Student Intern should also be willing to assist activities with youth during summer school. The FS Student Intern may also be asked to attend meetings, training, or workshops related to horticulture, education, or food sovereignty. Previous experience is not required as training will be provided on the job. An interest or passion in food sovereignty and food systems is preferred. Interns will also work with the Lakota Language Camp as assigned.

I. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Curricular Support

1. Support student activities at the school farm and assist with student activities during summer school
2. Offer creative ideas and suggestions for curriculum development

B. Building and Grounds

1. Daily Responsibilities: Water Plants, Feed Fish and Chickens
2. Planting and Weeding the garden and the greenhouse.
3. Regular Pest Management in greenhouse and garden (under supervision of coordinator)
4. Harvesting and processing of the produce
5. Support the construction of the new chicken coop

C. Grant Compliance

1. Must follow time-keeping procedures set forth during internship orientation
2. Must use work time to fulfill grant obligations, completing tasks as assigned each day

II. QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Required Education and Experience:

- Current high school or college student

B. Desired and Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with tools and other equipment
- Familiarity with growing systems

C. Physical Requirements:

- Prolonged periods standing, walking, stretching, bending, climbing ladders, kneeling, and pulling.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds at a time.
- Must be physically able to operate power equipment (i.e. tiller or drill).
- Must be able to work in a variety of weather conditions

Certification: I have read and understand the preceding job duties, specifications, requirements, and accountabilities, and agree to execute the same in a manner that promotes equality of opportunity, dignity and due respect for all, consistent with the Mission of the Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.