

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

# **Growing Schools - Food Production Assistant**

### **ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY:**

LifeCycles is a charitable society working to cultivate community health by connecting people with the food they eat and the land it comes from. We support the region in growing, accessing and eating local food in ways that foster biodiversity and enhance our urban environment. Learn more about our work at [lifecyclesproject.ca](http://lifecyclesproject.ca)

For 25 years, LifeCycles' Growing Schools program has been sowing seeds with children and youth and transforming school grounds into biodiverse outdoor classrooms. Through our programs, we aim to empower students and teachers to participate in their local food systems and build a deeper relationship with the natural world.

The School Food Production Assistant will work with the School Farm Coordinator to support management of three micro-farms that are using above-ground farming methods to grow vegetables on school grounds.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist with food production, harvesting, and site maintenance activities including weeding and plant care
- Assist with tool maintenance and purchasing/organizing materials
- Support food distribution, sales, and delivery
- Support with additional tasks and other LifeCycles projects, as required

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Be eligible under Canada Summer Jobs guidelines. Applicants must be between 18 - 30 years old, and be Permanent Residents/ Canadian Citizens.
- Knowledge and experience in gardening, farming, agriculture, horticulture or a similar field
- Well-organized, able to prioritize tasks, flexible to changing work schedules, and able to meet deadlines
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team
- Class 5 Driver's license, clean driving record, and comfort driving a large vehicle
- Strong communication skills

## ASSETS:

- Knowledge of digital tools (Zoom, Google Suite, Canva) and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Current First Aid certification
- Awareness of food security, food access, and social justice issues related to food systems on Vancouver Island, and in BC

## POSITION DETAILS:

**Start Date:** week of June 28th

**Contract Duration:** 28-32 hrs/week for 9-10 weeks (280 hrs)

**Salary:** \$19.00/hour

**Work Conditions:** The majority of this position is outdoor physical work with some indoor tasks, as needed. Outdoors it will require the ability to lift 20-30 lbs, as well as climb stairs, walk, kneel, squat, bend, and shovel. Indoors it would require working at a computer. All work will be conducted in adherence to current Public Health Orders and COVID-19 Safety Protocols.

**Send applications by email to [info@lifecyclesproject.ca](mailto:info@lifecyclesproject.ca) by June 13, 2021.**

Please submit a resume and cover letter addressing your past experience and applicable transferable skills as they relate to the qualifications. Email your application materials (resume and cover letter, ideally as one PDF) with the subject line: **"School Food Production Assistant"** and include your full name in the filename(s) of your application materials.

*LifeCycles is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage women, people of Indigenous ancestry, people of colour, LGBTQIP2SA individuals and members of other diverse communities to apply for careers with our organization. LifeCycles operates on unceded Coast Salish Territories, specifically of the Lekwungen, Esquimalt, and W-SÁNEC peoples.*

We thank everyone for their interest, but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.