

# The Growing Entrepreneurs

The “Growing Entrepreneurs” program is a program for high school students (freshmen through juniors) run by the New Haven Land Trust. The New Haven Land Trust is an environmental nonprofit in New Haven that manages community gardens and nature preserves. We are excited to offer five New Haven high school students the opportunity to join the program in January, 2018.

## **What is the program all about?**

The program teaches 5 different types of skills: entrepreneurial skills, professional skills, carpentry and gardening skills, character skills, and knowledge of environmental issues. If you have an interest in these areas and are passionate about hard work and helping your community we want you to join the team!

## **Where is the program held?**

We work at a variety of work sites around the city of New Haven. However, we normally meet at Grand Acres community garden at 47 Grand Avenue. Participants need to have their own transportation to get to Grand Avenue. From there, we move around the city in a pickup truck.

## **Is this a “job” or an “extracurricular activity”?**

Both! As a Growing Entrepreneur you will get paid minimum wage (\$11/hour) for eight hours a week. You will also earn commission from the profits of your business ventures. A typical week could include building raised garden beds for a community garden, tending to the Growing Entrepreneurs garden and harvesting produce from this garden to sell, and working on developing your individual business venture.

## **What about the summer?**

In January, all Growing Entrepreneurs need to go through the process of applying for Youth@Work. During the five weeks of Youth@Work in the summer we work 25 hours a week. This is an exciting time to get individual business ventures rolling and to take on some bigger construction projects for the Land Trust.

## **More questions?**

Feel free to contact the program coordinator Esther at [esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org](mailto:esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org). You can also read more about the program and the current participants on our website at <http://www.newhavenlandtrust.org/GrowingEntrepreneurs>

Hello!

We are so excited that you are interested in being part of the New Haven Land Trust’s Growing Entrepreneurs program! The following questions will help us determine whether you will be a good fit for the program.

Name:

School:

Graduation year:

Phone number:

Email address:

Approximate annual household income:

This job meets two times a week--one afternoon after school for three hours and one weekend day for five hours. Please fill out the chart by writing down any blocks of time you are available. For example, Saturday “8am-6pm” or Monday “2pm-6pm”

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

The dictionary defines entrepreneurship as “the activity of setting up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.” In recent times the definition has become more open. What does “entrepreneurship” mean to you?

Do you know what you want to be when you “grow up”? Why does this career interest you?

Do you like being outside? What is an activity you like to do outdoors?

Describe any carpentry experience you have.

Describe any gardening experience you have.

Have you had another job in the past? What did you like or dislike about the experience?

Describe a time you had to work in a group. How did you solve issues that came up?

What are some of your greatest personal strengths?

Have you done any community service? What did you do?

Describe an issue that you are passionate about in your community (this could be your neighborhood or your city or your country or even the world).

In your opinion, what is the most urgent environmental issue we face today? Why is this issue the most important?

Do you enjoy manual labor like lifting, shoveling, building, etc? What manual projects have you done? (For example, mowing your lawn, painting, loading and unloading furniture)

What is a skill you would like to improve?

Feel free to use extra pages if you need more room to answer a question!

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application! To hand it in please drop it off or mail it to 458 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513 or scan it or take a picture of it with your phone and email it to [esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org](mailto:esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org) by December 15th.

You can expect an answer about the position by December 22nd.