

Title: Gibbs Farm Gardener (Gardener)

Classification: Part Time Seasonal (10-15 hours per week)

Position Summary: The Gibbs Farm Gardener is the primary employee responsible for planning, planting and maintaining the gardens. Works with Gibbs Farm Staff, volunteers and outside partners to maintain gardens used for educational programming.

Reports To: Gibbs Farm Site Manager

Time/Schedule: Planning takes place during April. After planning and planting the Gardener will work three scheduled days a week. Additional occasional weekend hours.

Training Period: Planning for the 2019 season will take place with Gibbs Farm Staff and previous Gibbs Farm Gardener

Pay: \$13.50/hr.

Specific Responsibilities:

I. Plan Gardens

- i. Source period appropriate seeds and plants
- ii. Create yearly Garden schedule
- iii. Gather research and historical materials

II. Organize Large Garden Projects

- i. Work with Gibbs Farm Staff to plan large garden projects (preparing beds, planting, etc.)
- ii. Assist in writing up volunteer projects
- iii. Occasionally supervise groups of volunteers

III. Maintain Gardens

- i. Water, weed and perform everyday tasks in garden throughout growing season, working with assistance from staff and volunteers
- ii. Inventory garden tools and equipment

IV. Public Programming

- i. Occasionally lead tours of gardens
- ii. Assist in planning programs around horticultural themes

Qualifications:

Required: Excellent verbal communication and organizational skills; College course work in Horticulture or minimum of 2 years professional horticultural experience; Must be able to lift 50 pounds.

Desired: Degree in Horticulture or related field. Participant in a Master Gardener program. Professional experience working with a variety of plants and gardens. Interest in historical gardens, native Minnesota plants and/or orchards.

To Apply: Send a cover letter explaining why you would like to work at Gibbs Farm, a recent resume, and three references. E-mail to sammy@rchs.com or mail to Gibbs Farm, 2097 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN 55113. **All applications must be received by Friday, March 29.**

