

Mill Village Farms FoodShare Summer Internship

Mill Village Ministries (MVM) is a faith-based family of nonprofit enterprises that elevates our whole community through social justice, healthy food, bicycle access, youth employment, and entrepreneurial training in Greenville, SC. Mill Village Farms, one of MVM's branches, is a nonprofit farm and produce distributor that teaches life skills to youth, employs students, and provides access to healthy produce for all in Greenville, SC. Our mission is to connect and improve the community through farming, healthy produce distribution, and youth workforce training; one MVF program that helps us accomplish our mission is FoodShare. Our vision is a plentiful Greenville with confident youth prepared for employment as well as access to healthy produce for all.

Job Details & Compensation:

This is a full-time, 9-week summer internship, working approximately 36 hours per week, including four hours of intern development. The specific schedule will be established upon employment, but generally will be Tuesday-Friday from 9a-5p, with different hours during box distribution every other week (earlier start/end Tuesdays and later start/end Wednesdays). If not funded through an external grant, this position will be compensated through a stipend equating to a \$12/hour rate.

Note: We do not accept semester FoodShare interns because local graduate students fill that role during the school year.

Job Description:

The FoodShare Intern will work with our FoodShare Greenville program staff, local produce providers, and partner sites (such as healthcare organizations and nonprofits) to ensure our biweekly produce boxes are packed and distributed throughout the Greenville County community. The internship involves working directly with customers to take orders and process EBT cards/SNAP transactions, occasionally harvesting and processing produce from Mill Village Farms for boxes, and a summer-long project based on the intern's interests to improve FoodShare Greenville.

General Responsibilities:

Box Distribution: Participate in all aspects of FoodShare box ordering, packing, and
distribution, including receiving and sorting produce, packing boxes alongside
community volunteers, and delivering boxes throughout Greenville. This will involve
lifting up to 25 pounds repeatedly and spending the majority of the packing and
distribution shifts on your feet.

- Customer Interaction and Payments: Process SNAP transactions and vouchers, help manage communication with our extensive customer base (i.e. operating our customer phone hotline), and maintain a high level of organization processes.
- **Summer Project:** Plan and execute a summer-long project to improve the mission and operations of FoodShare Greenville (examples include working with local farms to curate a directory of local produce providers, developing a survey to measure customer satisfaction, etc.).

Requirements:

- People Skills: excellent verbal & written communication, social intelligence, empathetic, eager to serve others, active listener
- Work Ethic: adaptable, enthusiastic, self-starter, proactive, gritty, team player
- Understanding of and enthusiasm for Mill Village Ministries' vision and willingness to advocate its mission
- Interest in food systems issues such as food insecurity, as well as working in community development
- Must have reliable transportation to and from various work sites

Ideal Candidate:

• Aged 20+ with a valid driver's license

FoodShare serves under-resourced communities in Greenville, SC. Representation matters, and we prioritize hiring interns that reflect the diversity of our community. Applicants from diverse backgrounds, with bilingual proficiency, or who have experience working with culturally diverse and/or low-income populations are preferred.

Intern Development: All Mill Village interns have the additional compensated privilege of participating in personal and professional development.

• Summer: A weekly gathering including <u>JustFaith</u> small group and book study, as well as an exploration of understanding ourselves and pertinent local social issues such as racial reconciliation, gentrification, transportation, and economic upward mobility.

Mill Village Ministries Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

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