



Food Education Assistant (Intern)

FRIEDENS FOOD PANTRIES

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Mission and Purpose

Friedens is a network of food pantries in Milwaukee nourishing the body, mind, and soul. We believe that a dependable supply of food is a means of bringing hope and dignity to our community.

As the largest food pantry network in Milwaukee, Friedens Food Pantries is a stabilizing force in our neighborhoods. Since 1978, we have used a community-centered approach, accepting the responsibility of honoring individual choice by providing a variety of fresh and nutritious food options and connecting our community members to other support services. Friedens addresses the emergency food needs in Milwaukee neighborhoods with a high population of low-income households that commonly suffer from food insecurity. We partner closely with StreetLife Communities, which is an organization dedicated to providing outreach and support to individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Food Education Assistant reports to the Food Center Coordinator and works with staff to promote the community food center model at Friedens that integrates food access, food education, food sustainability, and food advocacy in vibrant, welcoming, trauma-informed community spaces. The position allows an individual the opportunity to grow in experience, knowledge, and job skills while supporting Friedens' food programs and engaging directly with pantry shoppers.

The ideal candidate is adept at building and maintaining trust-based relationships, engaging stakeholders and applying an equity lens towards transforming lives and communities. As such, we strongly encourage applications from candidates who foster and promote the values of diversity and inclusion.

Work Type: Part-time internship (8-10 hours per week)_

Term: September 2021 – End of Semester (with potential to stay on)

Wage: \$12.50/hour

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Help realize our mission of building ladders of peace, hope, and dignity with our community
2. Build community through food education, which includes:
 - a. Managing teams of volunteers to provide nutritious and culturally specific food sampling
 - b. Working with dietetic students and other interns to conduct on-site cooking demonstrations to build food literacy



- c. Growing our community meals
3. Work alongside teams of volunteers to grow avenues of on-site food production including hydroponic greenhouse towers and an outdoor community garden
4. Collaborate with community partners to offer wrap-around support for our pantry visitors
5. Engage directly with pantry visitors to assist them in resource navigation and involve them in programs at the pantry sites
6. Assist with the clean, safe, and efficient day-to-day operation of the Food Pantry network, including Saturday mornings
7. Implement food pantry policies and procedures as directed
8. Assist Food Center Coordinator with other duties as requested

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. Affinity with the overall mission of Friedens Food Pantries
2. Commitment to helping clients meet their nutritional needs
3. Excellent communication skills- listening, speaking, and writing
4. Ability to relate comfortably with people who work at our pantries and use our services
5. Skilled in use of Microsoft Office applications and email
6. Willingness to learn, adapt, and grow

Working Conditions

- Work Location: open office workspace with active team atmosphere.
- Physical Requirements: lifting 50 pounds or less, moving boxes or packages of food, loading/unloading a van, pushing a dolly, climbing stairs
- Equipment Used: computer, printer/copier, tablets, electric pallet jack