

Free Verse Farm & Apothecary

2019 Field Assistant Job Description

We are seeking field assistants for the 2019 growing season on our herb farm in Chelsea, Vermont. Applications are due by February 3rd and we will be conducting interviews (ideally in person, but phone or video interviews will work) during mid February. Hiring decisions will be made by the end of February.

Since 2012, we have grown medicinal, culinary, and tea herbs at our small farm. Using the herbs that we grow as our primary ingredients, we offer a line of herbal remedies, tea blends, herbal body care products, and culinary blends. Our products are available in boutiques, groceries, farmstores, gift shops, and cafes. We also vend at the Norwich Farmers Market and sell via our online apothecary shop. We are a family business.

Field assistant positions at Free Verse Farm & Apothecary provide the opportunity to experience first-hand what it takes to work on a small herb farm. The work will mostly be in the field, focused on the cultivation of herbs, with employees spending the majority of their time planting, weeding, and harvesting crops, as well as drying and processing herbs in our barn.

The ideal field assistants will be hard workers, flexible, patient, detail-oriented, and comfortable working alone. We are seeking applicants with a positive attitude, a team mentality, and a dedicated interest in farming herbs. **Previous farming experience is not required but is strongly recommended.**

Field assistants may also assist with other farm activities, such as tending the herd of beef cattle that spend the summer on our pastures, helping with farm tours, etc. There may also be the opportunity to train to sell at the Norwich Farmers Market and to help craft and package products in our apothecary.

Details:

- Field assistant wages will be based up experience.
- The season generally runs from mid-to-late April through October, and occasionally into the beginning of November.
- Workdays generally begin between 7-8am, lasting 8-9 hours. Some days will go longer, and during the height of summer, we may begin our days earlier to avoid the hottest hours of the day.
- The position is for 3 days per week, ideally Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The schedule may be reduced to only one or two days/week at the start and end of the season.
- There may be the possibility of extra farm work available during the peak season, and there will be the possibility of farm-sitting for us during our short trips away during the summer months, or other times where we need extra assistance.
- Applicants must have reliable transportation, be able to lift 50 pounds, and be willing to work outside in all weather conditions.

- Benefits of this position include access to fresh herbs and vegetables (when available), discounted herbs and apothecary products, first-hand instruction on growing, tending, and processing herbs, and the opportunity to expand your farming knowledge and experience while spending the summer on a beautiful hillside in Vermont.