

# FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM



## **Job: Demonstration Garden Assistant**

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### **Position Description**

The Demonstration Garden Assistant will work closely with the Garden Managers in supporting maintenance of the one-acre Washington Youth Garden.

### **Responsibilities**

The Demonstration Garden Assistant's main responsibility will be to assist to maintain the garden (planting, weeding, pruning, etc.)

Responsibilities will include:

- assisting the Garden Manager in organizing the structure of the day;
- assisting in set-up and clean-up;
- support volunteers in garden activities;
- working alongside the Garden Manager to complete Demonstration Garden maintenance;
- Welcoming and answering questions of US National Arboretum visitors walking through the Demonstration Garden

### **Qualifications**

Basic gardening knowledge and experience is preferred. Applicants should be comfortable lifting 40 pounds, working outside in all weather, and the ability to work in a kneeling or crouching position for extended periods of time. Also important are good communication and comfortable engaging with visitors in the garden.

### **WORK SCHEDULE & COMPENSATION**

Work schedule is Monday and Thursday, 9 am- 2 pm (some flexibility). Expected hourly rate range is \$17-20. Salary is subject to FICA and income taxes. Benefits package includes pro-rated paid federal holidays and accrued paid time off. This position runs from March - June and August- November, with potential to work full-time with the Green Ambassadors Program from late June- early August.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Send resume to [Bburequijano@fona.org](mailto:Bburequijano@fona.org). Write "Garden assistant" in the subject line. Applications are due March 3rd, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. All applicants will be required to complete a background check during the interview process.

*Friends of the National Arboretum is an equal opportunity employer. We believe participation across a broad-spectrum of human experiences and backgrounds is necessary. We value different skills, identities, education levels, and generations on our team, and are committed to creating a just and inclusive environment for all.*

### **ABOUT FONA**

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) is a nonprofit membership organization working to preserve and enhance the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA) and bring this remarkable resource to life as an important part of the city and region. We work to provide financial support, educational and visitor programs to advance the Arboretum's dual missions of research and education.

Established in 1982, FONA is headquartered on the grounds of the Arboretum in Northeast Washington, DC. We are growing rapidly and looking to add a dynamic member to our team.

The primary program of FONA is Washington Youth Garden. Founded in 1971, Washington Youth Garden provides unique environmental science and nutrition education programming for youth and families. WYG nurtures curious minds and healthy bodies by connecting youth to food, the land, and each other.

Washington Youth Garden manages a one-acre organic demonstration garden on the grounds of the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA), in addition to five active school gardens. Through these outdoor classrooms, WYG offers year-round gardening and nutrition education through four programs: SPROUT, Green Ambassadors Program, Garden Science (School Partnership Program), and Family Garden Days. For more information about our programs, please see [www.washingtonyouthgarden.org/wygprograms](http://www.washingtonyouthgarden.org/wygprograms).