Food Educator
Position Reports to the Director of Programs
Columbus, Ohio

Local Matters, an Ohio-based nonprofit with a mission to create healthy communities through food education, access, and advocacy, is currently looking to hire a dynamic, motivated individual for the position of Food Educator.

Position Summary
This position will report directly to the Director of Programs. The Food Educator will participate as a member of the Local Matters team to assist with the implementation of the healthful food and garden-based curriculum engaging youth aged pre-k through high school, with a strong focus on pre-k through 2nd grade. The curriculum teaches children about whole foods, ecology, nutrition, culture, and healthy living. Children learn about healthful foods through hands-on food preparation.

The Food Educator will also work as a member of the Local Matters Education team to implement effective hands-on courses and classes, workshops, presentations, demonstrations, and tours teaching community members, adults, youth, and families, at risk of hunger that healthy cooking can be delicious, enjoyable, and - most important - affordable.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Strong classroom-management skills and enjoyment of working with children
- Willingness to assist Food Educators with implementing the Food Matters & Food Matters in Your Garden curriculum in a variety of educational settings
- Willingness to work collaboratively with other staff, interns, and volunteers
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Basic computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Publisher, etc.)
- Familiarity with food preparation and basic gardening
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills
- Flexible, friendly, and positive
- Comfortable making adaptations to a lesson plan based on the needs of the children
- Bachelor’s degree or minimum 2+ years of experience in related field
- Education and/or professional background in early-childhood education, nutrition, or horticulture
- Reliable access to transportation and willingness to travel within the Greater Columbus Metropolitan Area
Position available immediately. The hours for this full-time position are Monday-Friday, between 9:00am – 5:00pm with evening hour and weekend availability required. Schedule will vary based on the needs of the program.

**Specific Responsibilities Include:**

- Teach youth, adults, and families the life skills of basic food preparation through hands-on interactive experiences
- Educate youth, adults, and families about healthful, whole foods through classroom activities that frame the relationship between the food they eat and the health of their bodies
- Encourage youth, adults, and families to eat healthful foods via what they learn in the Food Matters curriculum
- Invite communities to learn about healthful foods and chronic-disease prevention by participating in classroom lessons, parent engagements, community workshops, gardens, and collaborative projects related to food

**Compensation, Benefits, and Perks**

Local Matters offers Food Educators a competitive wage and comprehensive benefits. The salary range for this position is $29,000 to $32,000. All employees are given support to be their best, healthiest, and most productive selves with each employee eligible for a subsidized weekly market bag full of produce during the growing season and a subsidized membership to The Fitness Loft, conveniently located upstairs from the offices.

**To Apply:** Please email (preferred) a cover letter, resume, and three references to Victoria Strickland at tstrickland@local-matters.org.

Application deadline: Applications accepted through March 24, 2020

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