

Call for Participants: Cleveland Crops Agriculture Training Program

Cleveland Crops Agriculture Training Program Open Houses March 1, 2017 and March 8, 2017

10 am – 12 noon: Tour the Cleveland Crops commercial kitchen, farm, hoop houses, and greenhouse (Location: Ryan Agriculture Center- 5320 Stanard Ave. Cleveland Ohio 44103)

The Cleveland Crops Agriculture Training Program is a 6-month classroom and farm-based employment training program for adults with developmental disabilities. Participants are trained to grow, harvest, package and distribute produce using sustainable methods while gaining relevant work skills that will prepare them for competitive employment in the community.

Participants learn skills and knowledge related to:

soil preparation

seed starting

planting

weeding/pest control

irrigation

composting and fertilizing

harvesting

marketing

cleaning and packaging

Participants who successfully complete the training program receive a certificate of competency. After the training program, placement in a competitive, community-based job is the expected outcome for each participant.

Qualifications:

- Willingness and ability to do physical labor in various weather conditions;
- Willingness to complete a 2-week assessment and trial period;
- Ability to work a 30-hour week;
- An interest and desire to grow and care for plants;
- Commitment to complete all training classes; and
- Desire to progress to a competitive level of employment

Interested individuals must complete an application (located on next pages) and submit it to:

Donna Chamberlin Michael Dyess (216) 361-4039 (216) 645-5663

Deadline for applications is March 15, 2017.

Support Administrators: Please make a referral in the PST.

Parents/Schools/Community Partners: Please contact Donna or Michael for more information. (We'll be working in partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.)







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Application

		L	vate:
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Z	ip Code:
Phone:	Email:		
Name of person who helped you com	nplete this forn	ո (if applicab	ole):
What is your current job status?	Employed	Not Employ	ed
Place of employment (if applicable):			
If you are employed, what is your wo	rk schedule?		
Mon to Tues	to	Wed	to
Thurs to Fri	_ to	Sat	to
Sun to			
If you are not employed, have you ha	nd a job before	? Yes	No
Please list past job(s), if applicable:			
Have you ever grown anything like v	egetables or fl	owers? Ye	s No
Can you use public transportation (lil transportation? Yes No	ke) RTA or are	you willing t	o be trained to use public
Are you willing to work weekends?	Yes	No	
Are you willing to work holidays?	Yes No		
Do you like interacting with other pe	ople, such as c	o-workers o	customers? Yes No
Do you mind getting your hands and	clothes dirty?	Yes	No
Do you mind getting wet? Yes	No		

Can you work in hot weather? Yes No

Can you work in cold weather? _ Yes No

Can you lift 25 pounds? Yes No

Can you bend? Yes No

Can you push? Yes No

Do you have the stamina to work a 6 hour day in a farm setting? Yes No

Is there anything we need to know about you in order to make sure you are healthy and safe, like allergies or allergic reactions?

Tell us why you want to work on a farm? You can type this in the box below or have someone help you. Be sure your response is in your own words.

Submit your completed application electronically by clicking on the SUBMIT button below:

OR mail to:

SUBMIT Michael Dyess

Cuyahoga County Board of DD/Cleveland Crops

5320 Stanard Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103

Application deadline is March 15, 2017.

If you have questions about the training program or this application, contact Donna Chamberlin at (216) 310-9861 or Michael Dyess at (216) 645-5663.



