



Prairie Farm Corps
Liberty Prairie Foundation
32400 North Harris Road
Grayslake, Illinois, 60030
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CREW LEADER APPLICATION

The Prairie Farm Corps is seeking energetic young adults to lead teams of area high school students to grow, cook, promote and market healthy food raised on a local farm. Successful candidates will be hard-working, team players interested in organic agriculture, healthy food, leadership development and working with youth.

Prairie Farm Corps Crew Leader - Position Details

Who: Alumni from Prairie Farm Corps who completed a full season in the program, and are energetic, reliable, and have a passion and interest in pursuing a future in farming, leadership, or sustainable development. Applicants must have reliable transportation.

What: Work on an organic farm to grow, eat and distribute vegetables through farmer's market sales and community donations. Serve as an empowering leader for a crew of 16 youth, ages 15-18. Develop leadership skills while working within a collaborative team. Compensation is a stipend of \$2,000 before taxes.

When: The complete internship includes work from March through August
March 14, 21, and 28: Tuesdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Crew leader Orientation
April 4 – June 13: Tuesdays, 4:00pm – 8:00 pm
May 13: Saturday 8:30am – 2pm – Organic Plant Sale & Farm Open House
June 15: Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm Field Training
June 19 – August 10: 32 hours/week
• Monday – Thursday, 7am – 3pm
• 3 Friday field trips June 30, July 14, and July 28
• 2 Friday Markets
August 8, 4:30pm – 7pm - Celebration Dinner

Where: 32400 North Harris Road, Grayslake, Illinois, 60030. The Prairie Crossing Farm is a 100-acre certified organic farm owned by Liberty Prairie Foundation. The Foundation supports educational programming at the Prairie Crossing Farm to educate and inspire people to value healthy food, land, and community through experiences on our farm.

Interested? Return the application, cover letter, and resume to Eric Carlberg at the above address, postmarked no later than **February 3, 2017** or via email to eric@libertyprairie.org. Preference will be given to applicants who can stay the entire season.

For more information about the Prairie Farm Corps program:

Contact Eric Carlberg, Prairie Farm Corps Director
eric@libertyprairie.org or 847-845-1632
Check out our website <http://www.libertyprairie.org>

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APPLICANT INFORMATION – Prairie Farm Corps Crew Leader:

Full Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Home Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Telephone: (____) _____
Email Address: _____
Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
month day year

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Current School Name: _____ School City/Town: _____
School Telephone: (____) _____ Current Grade Level: _____

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE:

If no previous work experience, please check here

Name of Employer: _____ Your Position: _____
Employer Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Employer Telephone: (____) _____ Name of Supervisor: _____
Beginning of Employment: _____ / _____ End of Employment: _____ / _____
Skills Learned: _____

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5. Describe a time when you succeeded in leadership, and a time when you failed in leadership. What did you learn from each experience?
6. How have your past experience and skills prepared you for the particular role for which you are applying? What do you think you will add to the Prairie Farm Corps in this new role?
7. As a crew leader, you will have to work very closely with your crew. What is your leadership style, and how will you help your crew bond with each other and get the job done?
8. How do you handle constructive criticism?
9. Please rate your interest for each of the following in order from 1 to 3: (1 being the least interested)
- Tools & repairs _____
 - Marketing & customer service _____
 - Post harvest handling & quality control _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION – Prairie Farm Corps Crew Leader:

If you have not worked with Prairie Farm Corps in the last two years, please list three adults who know you well such as a teacher, coach, employer, minister, etc. Please do not list members of your family. We will call references listed prior to interviews.

Reference #1:

Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Title: _____ Organization/School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Title: _____ Organization/School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

Reference #3:

Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Title: _____ Organization/School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

Please return this completed application to Eric Carlberg, Liberty Prairie Foundation, 32400 North Harris Road, Grayslake, Illinois, 60030 postmarked no later than **February 3, 2017**, or via email to eric@libertyprairie.org.

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