



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

Are you longing to return for a 2nd summer to the Prairie Farm Corps? Are you looking to build upon the skills and experiences of your first season? The Prairie Farm Corps is seeking alumni to work alongside first year crew members in fieldwork, harvesting, and hydrocooling, while receiving specialized training in more advanced farming techniques such as equipment use and pest management.

Prairie Farm Corps Cultivator- Position Details

Who: Prairie Farm Corps alumni who are hard-working team players interested in building on their experiences from their first season with the program, as well as providing an enthusiastic example for first year crew members. Applicants must be willing to work outdoors in all conditions, have reliable transportation, and be available to attend an interview.

What: Work on an organic farm to grow, eat and distribute vegetables through farmer's market sales and community donations. Work will include training and work in more advanced farming skills. Compensation totals \$1600 before taxes, paid in ¼'s on 7/1, 7/15, 8/1 & 8/15.

When: The entire program includes work from April through August. **Applicants must be able to attend the entire program, including the following dates:**

March 29 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Cultivator Training

April 3 through June 15

- Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (11 sessions)

May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Organic Plant Sale & Farm Open House (Saturday)

June 18 through August 8

- Mondays through Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 2 early Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (to be scheduled in June)
- 1 late Monday from 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

August 7th 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - 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 completed application to Eric Carlberg at the above address, postmarked no later than **February 16, 2018**, or via email to eric@libertyprairie.org.

For more information about the Prairie Farm Corps program:

Contact Eric Carlberg, Prairie Farm Corps Director

eric@libertyprairie.org or 847-845-1632

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APPLICANT INFORMATION – Prairie Farm Corps Crew Member:

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: _____

Do you receive free and/or reduced lunch? _____

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: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work Telephone: (____) _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Telephone: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

This person is my: ___ Legal Guardian ___ Mother ___ Father ___ Relative: _____

ADDITIONAL ADULT EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work Telephone: (____) _____

Cell Telephone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

My relationship to this person is: _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS – Prairie Farm Corps Crew Member:

Responses should be in complete sentences. Please write as completely as you can and try to use all of the space provided. You may attach a separate sheet if you need more room.

1. What draws you back to the program for a second season as a Cultivator? What do you hope to gain in regards to personal and professional skills, farming and gardening, or cooking?
2. Choose one moment from last summer where you faced a task or experience that was challenging for you. What did you learn from this experience and how did you overcome the challenge?
3. What do you consider to be your strengths? How will you utilize your strengths to help lead the 2018 team of crew members?

4. What will be your biggest challenge returning to the Prairie Farm Corps? How will you cope with it?

5. If you were to give advice to the incoming group of first year crew members on how to get the most out of their Prairie Farm Corps experience, what would you suggest?

6. What was your biggest takeaway from Prairie Farm Corps during your first year?

7. How will you get to and from work on spring work nights every Tuesday from 5 – 7:30 p.m. (April 3 – June 15)?

8. How will you get to and from work Mondays through Thursdays in the summer (June 18 – August 8 from 8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)?

REFERENCE INFORMATION – Prairie Farm Corps Crew Member:

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? _____

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