

2016 Dickinson College Farm Apprentice Application

The Dickinson College Farm Apprenticeship Program begins right after graduation and runs until mid-November, 2016. Apprentices can expect to engage in a 40 hour work week plus assist with evening and weekend chores, as needed. In return for their efforts, interns receive \$9 per hour plus additional benefits like free on-farm housing and Wi-Fi plus free access to farm-raised products such as vegetables, herbs, fruit, as well as discounted meat and eggs through the farm CSA.

The purpose of the apprenticeship is to equip you with the skills to advance toward future management of a diversified farm. Educational opportunities will be made available to supplement what you learn through daily farm work. For further details on our apprenticeship program, please refer to the apprenticeship description.

Please carefully read over the following questions and reply accordingly. An in-person interview will be scheduled with you once your application is received. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, halpinj@dickinson.edu.

Please send your completed application to halpinj@dickinson.edu by February 19th, 2016.

1. Please explain your reasons for applying for this internship position.

2. Please explain your experiences in farming up until now?

3. What type of work environment do you seek to cultivate for yourself?

4. How would you describe your work ethic?

5. How would you describe yourself as an individual? As a team member?

6. How do you feel about managing students and volunteers on farm-related projects?

7. Would you classify yourself as an early bird or night owl? During what time of the day do you function best?

8. Please describe experiences with physically engaging work outdoors. Do you have previous experience with a 40 hours work week in extreme weather conditions; heat, rain, or cold temperatures?

9. Please list three aspects of yourself in which you would like to improve upon. How do you foresee an apprenticeship of this kind facilitating growth in these areas?

10. Please list three areas in which you would like to be challenged as an apprentice.

11. Please explain a recent accomplishment that you are proud of and think best reflects you as a leader.

12. What apprentice responsibilities are you most interested in and why?

13. Please describe how does the DC Farm Apprentice “fits” within your broader professional or personal ambitions?

14. On a scale from 1-5, how does this post-graduation position rank with other jobs/opportunities that you are exploring? (1= very interested, 5 = vaguely interested)