

PROGRAM INFORMATION

GoodSeeds: Supporting Sustainable Agriculture

Program Details:

The aim of GoodSeeds is to increase the employability skills of local youth (between 15-30 years of age) who are keen to support local food production. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with local farmers/employers and learn from their experience, knowledge and skills, thus promoting sustainable agriculture. The program will include 9 weeks of paid training on various subjects including agriculture and horticulture basics, farm safety, basic food prep skills, safe food handling, environmental stewardship and animal husbandry basics. Participants will gain recognized certifications, life and job readiness skills, and career education. A 16-week paid work experience will follow, with the goal of participants achieving sustainable employment or establishing plans for further education.

Sustainable, local food production requires local individuals ready and willing to work in this industry. GoodSeeds supports this.

This localized education will:

- *Foster social inclusion for youth by creating opportunities to establish relationships with others in this Industry
- *Promote education and awareness about food security
- *Support the creation of educational pathways
- *Promote mental and physical wellness and development of life skills
- *Support local farms, local businesses and economic development
- *Enhance food production in our area

Participant Eligibility:

Applicants must be

- *between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive)
- *a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- *legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial legislation and regulations
- *not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- *in need of assistance in order to overcome employment barriers
- *eager to work in jobs related to sustainable agriculture

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Attend a Free Information Session:

Tuesday, October 17 10 am **or** 2 pm **or**

Tuesday, October 24 10 am **or** 2 pm

Interviews will follow with selection finalized by November 10, 2017

Program Delivery and Work Experience:

9 Weeks of Learning: November 20, 2017 - February 9, 2018

(Note: scheduled break December 18, 2017 - January 5, 2018)

16 Weeks of Work Experience: February 12 - June 1, 2018

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