



Old Fort at Hesperus
18683 Hwy 140
Hesperus, CO 81326

Education Garden Manager Job Description Temporary Grant funded position through October, 2016

Old Fort at Hesperus Objective: Serve as an educational and community resource for Fort Lewis College and the 4-Corners community

Job Overview: The Education Garden Manager will plan, coordinate and manage all aspects of the Old Fort Education Gardens including growing vegetables and herbs using organic practices; fulfilling wholesale accounts, conducting campus farm stand (weekly July – October; monthly November-June); organizing Old Fort CSA (15 members); providing Southwest Conservation Corp with CSA share for crews; working with interns and volunteers.

This position requires a strong, practical knowledge of producing vegetables and herbs in a high altitude climate and a passionate commitment to education. The Old Fort currently has one-half acre in production along with three hoop houses (30 x 96 and two 15x 30). Produce is also purchased from Old Fort Market Garden Incubator participants for wholesale, CSA and farm stand markets so a commitment to improving food safety practices is a must. This position requires frequent travel to and from the Old Fort site and the Fort Lewis College Campus.

Qualifications:

- Minimum two years of experience growing at high altitude;
- Demonstrated farm planning and marketing experience;
- Experience working in an educational environment with proven leadership skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Demonstrated good organizational and record keeping skills; CSA experience preferred;
- Experience in growing using organic principles;
- Interest in working with youth in an educational setting;
- Demonstrated good communication skills;
- Knowledge of Good Agricultural Practices;
- Ability to repeatedly lift 50 pounds;
- A final job offer is contingent upon the satisfactory review of the driving record by the College insurance agent. A satisfactory driving record must be maintained in order to drive a campus vehicle.

Half time salary will be \$1200/month plus benefits. A cover letter and resume should be submitted to Lashell_b@fortlewis.edu. Position closes on March 30th with interviews and selection the first week of April. Information on the Old Fort at Hesperus can be found at www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort.