Garden City Harvest Internship Description
Youth Harvest Project: Summer Internship

**Wage:** $500 stipend awarded upon successful completion of internship. College credit may be arranged.

**Season:** May 22 – August 31, 2017

**Hours:** The Youth Harvest Project operates M-F 8am-12pm and M, T, Th afternoons. We are looking for a commitment of **20 hours/wk**; some flexibility with schedule.

**Supervision:** Youth Harvest Project Manager, Tami McDaniel.

Garden City Harvest is a nonprofit organization located in Missoula, Montana dedicated to building community through agriculture. Our Youth Harvest Project (YHP) is a therapy-based, service-oriented work program for at-risk teenagers. Youth work at the PEAS Farm, operate a Mobile Market that serves low-income seniors, and volunteer weekly at the Missoula Food Bank. They build confidence and character by developing job and life skills and making meaningful connections within the greater community. Up to ten youth are employed to perform daily farm tasks, participate in relevant educational activities, and engage in social-emotional development.

**Duties:**
- Model strong work ethic, positive communication and curiosity for youth during farm projects and learning opportunities
- Assist in all farm operations, including planting, weeding and harvesting
- Work with YHP staff to create a safe work environment for youth
- Support youth in menu planning during the week and meal preparation for Food Bank volunteers every Friday.
- Design, implement and evaluate a project aimed at furthering Youth Harvest Project Goals. Choose to facilitate crafting of a youth-developed YHP cookbook, OR oversee youth in writing a weekly blog for GCH

**Knowledge, Skills, Abilities:**
- Ability to establish rapport with youth who may have a chronic history of negative relationships and interactions
- Sound judgment in regard to the physical and emotional safety of youth
- Capable of both giving and receiving direction
- Organized with impeccable follow through
- Solid communication skills; open to collaboration and feedback
- Positive attitude and strong work ethic

**Required Qualifications:**
- At least 20 years of age
- High school diploma or equivalency
- Capable of performing and enduring physical tasks; ability to lift up to 50 pounds
- Able to work outdoors in all types of weather
- Desire to work with the target population; at-risk teens including Youth Drug Court or Youth Court individuals; prior experience preferred
- Experience in sustainable agriculture or desire to learn about farming and food
Educational Opportunities and Benefits:

- Immersion in a place-based, experiential youth program built upon the Positive Youth Development model, an evidence-based approach to youth work
- Gain experience and skills in working with "at-risk" youth
- Build knowledge of organic and sustainable farming practices
- Establish relationships and network with various community members and agencies through our farms and organizational partnerships
- Personal growth through constructive feedback and reflection processes

Suitable Areas of Study

- Environmental Studies
- Social Work
- Education, Teaching and Learning
- Health and Wellness

To apply, send cover letter and resume to tami@gardencityharvest.org. Application deadline is May 9, 2017.