



## YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (YAP) 2019

YAP is a 5 month apprenticeship program for high-school aged youth that live in Haddington and West Philly. YAP is a hands-on learning experience in urban farming and gardening that trains the next generation of professionals in urban agriculture, and community development.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?  
COME TO AN INFO SESSION:

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 11-1pm**

1445 N. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street (52<sup>nd</sup> & Media)

*Ready to sign up? Bring the following with you:*

- Work Permit
- School or state id
- Social security card
- Birth certificate or passport



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## URBAN TREE CONNECTION

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**About the Organization:** Urban Tree Connection (UTC) is a non-profit organization that works with residents in historically marginalized urban communities to transform abandoned open spaces into safe and functional places that inspire and promote positive human interaction. We focus on developing community-driven urban farming and gardening projects within the Haddington neighborhood of West Philadelphia to cultivate community leadership, improve health and develop a local sustainable equitable food system.

**Program Overview:** UTC's Youth Apprentice Program seeks 10-12 teen apprentices each season for a 5 month paid apprenticeship that runs from June - October. Teens shadow and are mentored by UTC staff in each of our organizational departments which include: *sustainable farming, farm stand management and community education*. Students also participate in various field trips, group projects and workshops aimed at gaining practical experience in community engagement, leadership and workplace skills, while delving into issues of agroecology, food and land sovereignty and food justice.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Youth are ages 14-18 years old, and enrolled in high school
- Youth under 18 years old have parent consent
- Youth have appropriate documents to work: working permit, social security card, birth certificate
- Youth are able to work outdoors, and have an interest in agriculture (no experience required)
- Students have their own transportation to Haddington gardening / farming sites
- Youth are enrolled in the WorkReady Program: [uac.org/youthemployment](http://uac.org/youthemployment) (Referral Code: S125)

**Recruitment & Selection Process:** We highly value our current & past apprentices and have a high number of students that return each year to the program. We also give preference to students that live in the Haddington neighborhood that show an interest in gardening and agriculture. With that said, UTC's youth apprenticeship program has accepted having students from all over the city.

Interested students will have an opportunity to review various job descriptions and apply for a position that fits their interests. Students complete an interview and are selected based on: 1) meeting the eligibility requirements; 2) their interest and engagement level; 3) having clear learning goals; and 4) commitment to participating for 8-10 per hours in the spring and fall and 20 hours per week during the summer. Selected students will be notified in May of 2019, and will attend an orientation and training session. Apprenticeships will begin in June.

**For more Info & To Apply:** Email or call Noelle at [noelle@urbantreeconnection.org](mailto:noelle@urbantreeconnection.org) or 215-877-7203.