



2022 Illinois Farm to School Coalition Summer Intern

Position Summary:

Seven Generations Ahead (SGA) and the Illinois Farm to School Network (IFSN) have created a new working group, the Illinois Farm to School Coalition. The coalition will engage in critical work to advance farm to school programs throughout Illinois, bringing healthier meals to children through the primary programs and institutions who feed them, strengthening the local food shed, and increasing fresh food access.

Our Tyson intern will participate in the ongoing development of the Illinois Farm to School Coalition providing support for programming, research into the food shed across Illinois including food access of low-income residents relying on food pantry and school food service donated foods to feed their families.

Intern duties will also include work on the Early Childhood Education (ECE) to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share project, connecting local CSA farms to early childhood education sites in two areas of increased need: Rockford II and the Back of the Yards neighborhood in Chicago's west side. Working with the Star Farm and the Roots and Wings Farm, IFSN will provide the At Home and In Community Farm to School (AHIC) Toolkit with resources to grow, preserve, and prepare foods from these farms.

Responsibilities:

- Core Task 1 - Project Development for the Illinois Farm to School Coalition
 - Assist with research into early childhood sites within the prescribed areas of two urban farms for the ECE to CSA project.
 - Research institutional feeding sites in selected areas for the creation of farmer and institutional feeding site cohorts in Illinois.
 - Introduce sites to the primary programs and share a picture of participation with supervisor.
- Core Task 2 – AHIC Toolkit
 - Assist in the final development of the AHIC toolkit connecting communities and families to local food sources and food education.
- Assist with any additional tasks required to build coalition resources.



Preferred Skills:

- Strong communication and writing skills
- Strong interest in redevelopment of community food systems, fair redistribution of healthy and fresh food for schools and early childcare, empowering families with the knowledge to grow, prepare, and preserve fresh foods
- Familiarity with Google platform (gmail, documents, sheets, presentations, groups)
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- Familiarity with Wordpress a plus
- Basic Graphic Design a plus (ie. Canva, Adobe Creative Suite)

Additional Information:

The Tyson Foods Summer Community Internship Program is a partnership between Campus Compact and Tyson Foods to provide an invaluable opportunity for select college students to gain professional experience while making a positive impact in our community.

The program provides full-time college students an 8-week paid summer job to assist community organizations and gain experience with diverse social issues. A \$4,200 stipend will be used to pay the intern for 35-hours a week for 8-weeks.

This internship runs from June 13, 2022 to August 5, 2022. The position is remote with the exception of one on-site training event in Chicago, pending COVID protocols. Interns will participate in three professional development activities with Campus Compact. Those dates will be determined and communicated before the start of the program in June. Internship end date may be extended should time off within the required 8-weeks be needed.

Resource Links:

[Illinois Farm to School Network](#)

[AHIC Toolkit](#)

[Illinois Harvest of the Month](#)

[Seven Generations Ahead](#)