



Seven Generations Ahead Job Posting

Position: Illinois Farm to School Network Coordinator – 20 Hours Per Week

I. The Job

Seven Generations Ahead (SGA) has implemented Fresh from the Farm – its comprehensive farm to school program - since 2004, and is the Lead Illinois Agency for the National Farm to School Program. SGA is seeking to hire a half-time Illinois Farm to School Network Coordinator to work in tandem with SGA’s Farm to School Program Manager to build upon SGA’s body of farm to school work and work collaboratively across the state to advance farm to school goals. The position will focus on developing and facilitating the Illinois Farm to School Network, designed to engage private and public sector agencies, non-profits, schools, health departments, and other community institutions in advancing local, sustainable and healthy food access and education in Illinois.

II. The Illinois Farm to School Network (IFSN)

The Illinois Farm to School Network is a consortium of stakeholders which share resources and support Farm to School programs in order to increase healthy food access and education among children in Illinois. The IFSN performs several functions, including: a) serving as a resource clearinghouse that gathers and disseminates partner programs, services and resources to Illinois schools and facilities serving children; b) working collectively on education, policy, events, research and project development that will take farm to school activity in Illinois to new levels; c) tracking Illinois farm to school data, geographical mapping and client needs; d) promoting and supporting training and consulting for teachers, school food service personnel and other school, day care and facility parents, board members and staff on local food procurement and healthy eating curriculum and program activities; and e) advocating for farm to school strategies, policies and programs on statewide and institutional levels.

III. Illinois Farm to School Network (IFSN) Coordinator Job Responsibilities

- a) Build the IFSN and enroll and engage new and existing partners.
- b) Gather, develop and disseminate resources to schools, day care centers and facilities serving meals to children across Illinois.
- c) Be the SGA liaison to the National Farm to School Network, and attend webinars, do surveys and participate in monthly calls.
- d) Build portfolio of partner “boiler plate” program and service summaries, contact information, and sample projects.
- e) Facilitate and/or support IFSN committees.
- f) Build IFSN client base.
- g) Connect IFSN partners to clients.
- h) Track farm to school data in Illinois.
- i) Plan and convene IFSN gatherings.
- j) Support SGA and IFSN trainings and funded projects.
- k) Identify funding sources for the IFSN, and support acquisition.
- l) Work in collaboration with SGA Farm to School Program Manager.
- m) Support SGA organizational events as needed.

IV. Qualifications

-Undergraduate degree

- 5+ years experience in farm to school/related field and/or network development and facilitation
- Solid content knowledge related to local, healthy and sustainable food procurement and education
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- Excellent relationship building skills
- Strong computer and information management skills
- Relationships and familiarity with Illinois farm to school network a plus.

V. Skills and Competencies

Problem-solver
Self-directed
Ability to manage multiple tasks
Ability to collaborate with partner organizations
Respectful, engaging and professional communication style
Strong writing skills
Strong meeting and webinar facilitation skills
Strong relationship builder
Positive attitude
Strong time management
Organized
Detail oriented
Ability to maintain flexible work schedule
Passionate about work and balanced perspective

VI. Compensation

\$25,000 for 20 hours per week of work.
Pro-rated (1/2 time employee) personal days and vacation days at second-year employee level, and all SGA holidays.

VII. How to Apply

Submit cover letter and resume to gary@sevengenerationsahead.org by December 29, 2017.
Include 2 professional references with contact information.