



Job Announcement

Gardener/Horticulturist

Elawa Farm seeks a Gardener for a 2.2 acre vegetable and flower production garden, following sustainable, environmentally sensitive practices at Elawa Farm in Lake Forest, IL. The farm is a restoration of a former gentleman's farm developed by the Armour family nearly 100 years ago.

The role of the Gardener is to continue restoration and maintain Elawa's historic garden, to provide locally grown produce and flowers for the community, and to provide education for people interested in growing their own food and flowers with environmentally responsive practices. Produce from the garden is utilized in the Elawa kitchen, for sale in their market and also for direct sale to local restaurants.

Candidates must have:

- A strong background in growing vegetables, fruits, herbs and cutting flowers utilizing organic and or other environmentally sensitive practices
- Experience in cover cropping, crop rotations and composting
- Excellent organization, communication, and gardening skills
- Ability to work with volunteers of all skill levels
- Ability to be self-directed as well as work within a team culture
- Greenhouse experience
- Strong computer skills, such as word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree in Horticulture or equivalent work experience with expertise in various farming practices including crop rotation, cover crops, composting, pest and disease management, organic soil amendments.
- 3+ years of horticultural experience.
- Some supervisory experience.

Working Conditions: Physically demanding, outside work, often in rain, wind and heat. Some weekend work will be required.

Full time position; salary contingent upon qualifications and experience. Submit resume and cover letter to info@elawafarm.org