



## **Title: MOFGA Summer Intern: Orchard, Garden, and Forest Intern**

### Summary:

Join us this summer to help with key MOFGA programs and projects! This internship will focus on helping care for our educational demonstrations at the MOFGA Education Center in Unity, Maine.

MOFGA's campus includes many vibrant and living demonstrations including three unique orchards, a variety of garden spaces, and our many acres of forest. These spaces provide demonstrations of organic and sustainable growing practices for our many visitors. In the case of the orchards, they also help preserve rare varieties of apples and pears for future generations. The internship will provide an opportunity to learn about seasonal orchard care using organic methods by participating in the work of our orchard crew and connecting with Maine's vibrant orchard community. It will also provide hands-on gardening and growing experience, and the opportunity to participate in some sustainable forestry projects.

Hours/time/pay: 300-400 hours over the summer (start/end dates can be flexible). Some weekend/evening hours to participate in MOFGA events or care for the orchards and gardens. We offer \$15.00 an hour for this position. This internship is mainly on site at our campus in Unity. There is some housing available on campus that can be used by MOFGA interns if they so desire.

### Preferred Skills/Knowledge:

- willingness to learn
- enthusiasm for MOFGA's mission
- ability to work well independently and with other staff, interns, volunteers, and the general public
- enthusiasm for working outside, in all kinds of weather
- ability to be detail oriented
- strong communication skills

### Responsibilities and Projects:

- work closely with the MOFGA staff and volunteers to maintain the health and beauty of MOFGA's orchards and gardens, while learning about organic and sustainable orcharding techniques
- work regularly with MOFGA staff, contractors and volunteers to complete projects
- meet any educational goals for their college's internship guidelines/ requirements

### About MOFGA and our internships:

The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association is a broad-based community that educates about and advocates for organic agriculture, illuminating its interdependence with a healthy environment, local food production, and thriving communities. MOFGA is committed to creating an inclusive and sustainable workplace that reflects this mission. MOFGA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, political orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. MOFGA's success depends upon the collaborative spirit among its staff members and volunteers.

Our goal is to have positive, educational internships at MOFGA, and we are happy to work with our interns on particular goals and hopes they have for their time with us.

To apply: Email a resume and letter of interest to Anna Libby, Community Education Director, at [alibby@mofga.org](mailto:alibby@mofga.org). Applications will be reviewed until the internship is filled, with priority given to applications sent before April 19th.

