

## **EcoApprenticeship Program**

*Is a unique, hands-on, after school work program*

*Is designed for youth ages 14--17 in Southeastern district 10 neighborhoods (Bayview Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, Visitacion Valley)*

*Is for youth with an interest in the environment and outdoors*

The EcoApprenticeship Program gives youth the opportunity to revitalize an urban park in their community and to gain valuable environmental knowledge, employment, experience, and important life skills. Youth interns will have the opportunity to be involved with a major wetlands restoration project taking place at Candlestick State Park in Bayview Hunters Point by caring for and growing 10,000 plants as well as leading volunteers and managing the native plant nursery.

LEJ's EcoApprenticeship Program and the Candlestick Point Eco-Stewards (CPE) are programs of the nonprofit organization, Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ).

After the first month of paid training, youth interns will be responsible for the following duties:

Demonstrate an understanding of LEJ's mission and policies regarding youth employment

Perform basic environmental horticultural skills that pertain to the daily operations of a native plant nursery

Co-lead volunteer stewardship events for Candlestick State Park

Demonstrate the ability to do public speaking and outreach for the project

Work outdoors in all types of weather

Be able to lift and transport object weighing up to thirty pounds

Demonstrate the ability to get along with their peers and other youth interns from LEJ's different programs

Attend all youth development trainings for all LEJ interns, such as resume writing, money management and holiday party planning

Attend all enrichment opportunities such as camping trips, kayaking trips, mountain biking trips and awards ceremonies for environmental leaders.

What potential applicants need to know:

Pay: \$1,000 for the October and November commitment.

Interns receive this as a bi-weekly stipend.

- Meets typically one day a week 3:30-6PM and Saturdays 10AM – 3PM
- Meets primarily at Candlestick Community Garden at 1150 Carroll Ave
- Many field trip opportunities (transportation provided)

If interested, please email Community Programs Manager

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**APPLICATION For EcoApprenticeship**

(Please print neatly!)

LEJ is a non-profit youth empowerment and environmental justice education organization based in Bayview Hunters Point. Environmental Justice is the right of all people to their basic needs: clean air and water, safe energy, non-toxic communities, healthy food, open space, and equitable education and job opportunities.

Bay Youth for the Environment interns are environmental justice stewards gaining personal and professional skills working in a community garden, operating a native plant nursery and restoring habitat throughout San Francisco.

The following questions are an attempt to find out more about you. All answers will be kept confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (first)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (street) (apt #)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled in school? (circle one) Y/N

If yes, what grade? (circle one) 8 9 10 11 12

School You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

What community organizations are you involved with?

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How did you hear about this program? (check all that apply): \_\_\_\_\_ Flyer \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walk-In \_\_\_\_\_ Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Social Worker \_\_\_\_\_ Probation Officer \_\_\_\_\_ LEJ Employee  
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Friend (Who?) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (How?) \_\_\_\_\_

*We want to get a sense of your interest in LEJ. Use more sheets of paper if you need.*

1. Why are you interested in working at LEJ?

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2. Please describe any experience you have working.

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3. Please describe any experience you have volunteering in your community. (It's OK if you don't have any.)

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4. LEJ is an organization that addresses the community and ecological issues of the southeast neighborhoods of San Francisco (Bayview Hunters Point, Potrero Hill and Visitacion Valley). What is your connection to the southeast San Francisco?

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5. LEJ is an environmental organization, which requires everyone to work outside. How comfortable are you working outdoors?

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6. What do you hope to gain from your experience at LEJ?

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**Your Current time commitments-**

(Use more sheets of paper if you need)

1. Do you participate or plan to participate in any after-school activities like sports, babysitting, theater or tutoring? If so, what will you be involved in and how often?

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