

Join Our Team at Literacy for Environmental Justice! Youth Eco-Apprentice Program Spring 2019



- *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 every Wednesday 4-6 and Saturday 10-3 from January 19th to May 25*

Are you interested in doing great community work in Bayview? Want to learn how to work in a plant nursery, do research, and develop leadership and job readiness skills? Ready to go on some kayak and camping adventures?

Our program focuses on flooding, climate change, and becoming a leader for your community in creative and fun ways *and... you get paid to learn!* The stipend for the program is paid out bi-weekly on the 5th and 20th of each month. A bonus is given out at the end of the internship for those who stay until May.

Please complete the application and either leave with your career counselor or contact Community Programs Manager Bridget Llanes at 415-463-0213, bridget.llanes@lejyouth.org to set up an interview at 1150 Carroll, San Francisco, CA 94124



The **Eco-Apprenticeship Program** gives youth the opportunity 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 Eco-Apprenticeship 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 and Be able to lift and transport objects 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: Interns receive this as a bi-weekly stipend on the 5th and 20th of each month, between \$1,000 and \$1,300 in total.

Program meets Wednesday 4 – 6pm and Saturdays 10am – 3pm (9am – 3pm on Kayaking Days)

Program meets primarily at Candlestick Community Garden at 1150 Carroll Ave. Eco-Apps have many field trip opportunities - transportation will be provided.



APPLICATION For Eco-Apprenticeship Program

Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) is a nonprofit 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, nontoxic communities, healthy food, open space, and equitable education and job opportunities.

Eco-Apprentices 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) Yes No

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

School You Attend: _____

Your Neighborhood: _____

What community organizations are you involved with?

How did you hear about this program? (check all that apply):

_____ Flyer _____ School _____ Walk-In _____ Relative _____ Social Worker

_____ Probation Officer _____ LEJ Employee

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?



2. Please describe any experience you have working.

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

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?

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

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

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?

2. Do you have a regular weekly commitment? (family responsibilities, job, church or volunteering? If yes, what are they and how often?

3. Are you available to work on weekends? If no, why not?

I certify that my responses on this application are true to the best of my knowledge:

Print Name

Signature

Date

