



# Garden Educator Assistant

## Volunteer Position Description

**Organization:** One Cool Earth

**Website:** [onecoolearth.org](http://onecoolearth.org)

**Mission:** Building school garden programs that grow happy, healthy and smart youth.

### Position Description:

Do you have an interest in improving the health, academic success, and wellbeing of elementary school students? One Cool Earth is a nonprofit organization in SLO County creating school garden programs that grow healthy, happy and smart youth. We believe every child deserves a place to grow.

The Garden Educator Assistant will work with students and assist a One Cool Earth's Garden Educator with preparing and teaching lessons in school gardens. They will also perform garden maintenance tasks in the garden. The position would be well-suited for someone who enjoys working with children and has a background knowledge or strong interest in gardening, education, nutrition, biology, and/or natural resource management.

Responsibilities will include **assisting** One Cool Earth staff to:

- Improve student science understanding by providing engaging, standards-based projects, experiments, and lessons based on ecology, earth, and life sciences, especially on the subjects of watersheds, food forests, and zero waste;
- Increase student knowledge of food cycle, interest in growing fresh fruits and vegetables, and willingness to try new fruits and vegetables;
- Support in the teaching of engaging garden classes (30 - 60 min.) to 25 students at a time (3 classes per day);
- Support a campus Green Team that manages school composting and recycling;
- Provide basic maintenance for gardens: planting, weeding, pruning, composting, minor irrigation adjustments and repairs;

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Commitment to One Cool Earth's vision and mission
- Excellent rapport with children, with at least one year experience in child educational settings (summer camps, Sprout Up!, classroom teaching, etc.)
- An interest to learn more about gardening or to improve their skills with children
- Demonstrate communications and interpersonal skills, able to work with people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds
- Creative, flexible and hard working; able to manage your commitments responsibly
- Enjoy learning new things and challenging yourself
- A good sense of humor, wonder, and curiosity

### This position offers you the opportunity to:

- Explore Career Opportunities - by working in the field, you can receive an inside look at your potential career path. You will receive experience in the field of outdoor education from an established organization
- Gain leadership experience - better understand the major issues and trends facing today's youth. From healthy eating and exercise, well-being, academics, and environmental issues, OCE works with communities using best-practices and evidence-based programming to create meaningful, lasting change



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- We are pleased to write letters of recommendation upon successful completion of the internship.

### **Additional Information:**

- Schedule: 2-8 hour shifts, one day per week between the hours of 7am and 4pm, Monday through Friday
- Duration: preferred semester/quarter long commitment, ideally the full school year.

### **How to Apply:**

Interested applicants must submit a resume to the following email address: [mckennal@onecoolearth.org](mailto:mckennal@onecoolearth.org), OCE Communications and Operations Director