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STUDENT LABOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Facilities Management

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Position Title: Student Gardener

Must work 10 hrs/wk.

1 Grade Level: 3

2a Description: The following are the essential duties for a in the Department:

- A. Planting and maintenance of turf, trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- B. Responsible for specific areas of campus as determined by supervisor.
- C. Assist in preparation for special events (i.e. graduation, Labor Day, etc.).
- D. Greenhouse, nursery, and general labor related to growing plant material.
- E. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

2b Description: The following are *possible additional* duties for this position:

- A. General cleanup of campus.
- B. Assist in recycling area as needed.
- C. Work with grounds crew as needed (i.e. trim crew, tree work, etc.).
- D. General labor related to Facilities Management. Dept.
- E. See that the workplace and environs are clean.

3 Learning Opportunities:

- A. Plant identification - flowers, trees, shrubs, weeds.
- B. Equipment operation.
- C. Pesticide use.
- D. Power tools, hand tools: use and maintenance.
- E. Proper pruning techniques.
- F. Nursery trips (pick up plants).
- G. Horticulture conferences/workshops.

4 Basic Qualifications:

- A. General: Working knowledge of grounds maintenance.
- B. Skill: Proven proficiency in basic gardening knowledge and application techniques, Driver's License, College's Defensive Driving.
- C. Physical: Good physical condition.
- D. Academic: Above average academic ability.

5 Desirable Qualifications:

- A. Able to operate hand tools, tractor, rototiller and other farm implements.
- B. Able to work with people (communication skills, basic training).
- C. Working knowledge of plant care.
- D. Completion of course work related to Horticulture, Botany, or Plant Science.
- E. Pesticide applicator certification.
- F. Mechanical ability.

6 Narrative Summary: This is a position in which the student has shown competency in regard to basic landscape maintenance skills. Student uses this basic knowledge to begin introducing new students to the tools and techniques needed to begin and complete gardening tasks. Students in this position also continue learning more about tool use, operational procedures and more complex levels of plant biology, physiology, etc.