

Cultivating Community 2011 Youth Growers Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Your Birthday _____

Where do you go to school? _____ What grade are you in? _____

Please fill out both pages of this application **completely** and **thoughtfully**. **Return it to Cultivating Community by Friday, APRIL 15, 2010.** You can email it to alida@cultivatingcommunity.org or send it to P.O. Box 3792, Portland, ME 04101.

Also, don't forget to have an adult fill out the Reference Form.

Which Sessions are you interested in working? You may apply for as many sessions as you like, please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. Work starts at 8am and ends at 3pm.

- Session I** – Tuesday-Friday June 28 – July 22 Youth Growers
- Session II** – Tuesday-Friday August 2 – August 26 Youth Growers
- Session III** –Wednesdays & Saturdays Sept. 1-Dec. 1 Community Culinary Crew

Will you be at one of the mandatory interview days at the Kennedy Park office?

If you answer no please explain and call us or visit the office.

Tuesday April 26 3-5:30pm	Wednesday April 27 from 3-5:30pm
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Please read the following description of Youth Growers and respond to the questions below.

Youth Growers is a hands-on, dynamic educational youth development program for youth 14-19 grounded in farming and increasing access to healthy food.

As a Youth Grower, you will:

- Work hard in the fresh air in our organic farms with a diverse group of youth.
- Grow, harvest and deliver fresh, healthy food to people in our community who need it.
- Learn about food, social and environmental justice through hands-on service projects, trainings, field trips, workshops, and games.
- Practice your communication, teamwork and job-readiness skills.
- Create a healthier and more resilient community.
- Solve real, unmet community needs while building your skills as a worker, citizen, leader, and steward.

You will receive a stipend for your **full participation** in each session.



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Why do you want to be a Youth Grower?

What are two qualities, strengths or skills that you have that you are proud of?

1. _____

2. _____

Who is someone in your life that you respect? Why do you respect this person? What does respect mean to you?

What activities outside of school are you involved with?

Have you ever done any volunteer work in your community? For example, have you ever helped a neighbor, helped at your church or mosque, tutored another student, helped at a soup kitchen, etc.? Explain.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Don't forget to ask an adult to fill out the Reference Form and return both to Cultivating Community by Friday April 15th. Please feel welcome to stop by the office anytime.

We are now located in Kennedy Park at 52 Mayo St. (Old Study Center)



Cultivating Community 2011 Youth Grower Reference Form

Applicant:

Please give this form to an adult who knows you well but is not a member of your family, like a teacher, coach, or employer. Explain to this person why you want to participate in Youth Growers. Ask the person to fill out this form and return it to Cultivating Community by **Friday April 15th**.

Reference Writer:

Thank you for taking the time to offer your perspectives on this applicant. Please read the description of Youth Growers below and then respond to the questions about the applicant.

If you have any questions please contact Alida Payson at 207-761-4769 or alida@cultivatingcommunity.org.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Title: _____ Organization/School: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Program Description

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1. How long and in what capacity have you known this person?

2. What do you think are the strengths of this person? What do you think they bring to a group of their peers?

3. What do you think this person will contribute to the Youth Growers program? What challenges do you think they might face?

Thank you for your time and insights.

