

POSITION AVAILABLE Farm Intern (Seasonal) THE PUTNEY SCHOOL

The Putney School has a full-time, seasonal opening for a **Farm Intern** to begin work around May 15 until approximately October 15, 2024. The schedule will start at around 40 hours a week and will increase up to 50 hours per week as the season progresses. This position provides broad exposure to the joys and responsibilities of working on an integrated farm, including working in the garden, dairy barn, and haying fields; as well as exposure to working with high-school aged students in farm activities.

About The Putney School: Putney is a progressive boarding school for 230 hardworking and curious students in Putney, Vermont. Hands-on learning is embedded in the school's culture: a working dairy farm, expansive arts offerings, a robust work program, miles of wooded trails, and large solar arrays serve our curriculum. Employees are also part of an intentional residential experience that values belonging and community. We seek applicants who find joy in their work and help others realize how much fun authentic, student-centered learning can be. The school cultivates and sustains an educational community that values difference. Community members explore how they contribute to building a home at Putney where everyone, especially those from historically marginalized populations, can honor their individual racial, gender, ethnic, and socio-economic identities. Putney recognizes this is difficult, communal work, and the school supports all its employees in developing this critical skill set.

Responsibilities:

- Principal responsibility will be to work with the garden crew, which includes direct seeding, weeding, watering, hoeing, and harvesting of crops, as well as coordinating crop donations with local food shelves.
- Regular participation in barn chores, including milking and feeding cows, cleaning stalls, and other barn support as needed.
- Facilitate afternoon garden activities with students while programs are in session.
- Participate in other farm projects as needed, such as tractor work, having, using hand tools, loading and unloading supplies, hay, crops, etc.

Qualifications:

- Completion of a college degree, preferably in agriculture or food studies.
- Some farm experience is required (training will be provided as needed).
- Experience working with teens would be an asset.
- Ability and willingness to work early morning, late evening, and weekend shifts on a regular basis in a variety of weather conditions and ability to endure sustained physical labor required.
- Ability to pass a criminal-background check and authorization to work in the United States are required.

Benefits: Housing and meals are provided, along with a bi-weekly stipend.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume via email to <u>employment@putneyschool.org</u>. We will continue reviewing applications until the position is filled.