

Organic Farm Assistant

Axil Gardens
May-August
35 hours/week
\$14/hour



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[Axil Gardens](#) is a farm and **organic food production operation** in Quispamsis, NB. We supply several restaurants in the area with high quality and sustainably grown produce, and provide organically grown plant starts and cut flowers in the spring and early summer for home gardeners. Our production practices are free of synthetic chemicals, and are **focused on environmental safety and awareness**. Our gardens are continuously expanding, and currently include large raised bed gardens, perennial food gardens, and two greenhouses. We plan to further expand our operation during the 2020 season by increasing our production capacity.

Our mission is not only to grow food that is healthy for people and our planet, we also aim to educate and inspire others to take a role in their own food security and environmental responsibility. We achieve this through our **educational programs** including in-garden workshops, children's summer camps, and school visits where all ages can learn about growing organic food. We emphasize the importance of this type of personal action to address modern concerns such as climate change and overconsumption of processed foods.

Responsibilities of this position will include:

- Working with the summer camp children in a leadership role
- Aiding in the expansion of the garden space
- Aiding in the development of relevant garden lessons and activities
- Aiding in marketing opportunities and business social media accounts
- Contributing to record keeping and small business accounting tasks

As our ideal candidate, you:

- Are interested in environmental science and biology in general
- Love to be outdoors/in nature, and enjoy physical activity
- Are curious to learn more about organic food operations, as you work with a garden business mentor
- Can work well both independently and as a team
- Enjoy working with children in a leadership role
- Enjoy working with the public
- Have your own transportation
- Have First Aid training, or are willing to take First Aid training
- Are willing to take food safety training
- Are willing to have a criminal record check
- Are physically capable of manual labour and heavy lifting at times
- Bilingualism is considered an asset, but not mandatory
- Working in the gardens and greenhouses, from seeding trays and building new beds to transplanting, watering and harvesting for the restaurants

To apply, please submit a targeted cover letter and resume (as one pdf document) to careers@mta.ca by *January 31, 2020*. We look forward to hearing from you as we build our 2020 team!