

Gardener

The Horticultural Society of New York (The Hort) is seeking an energetic and dedicated Gardener to support horticultural work in public and private garden spaces throughout New York City. Gardeners should be able to work efficiently, independently, and collaboratively to accomplish each day's tasks. The Gardener will work directly with The Hort's horticulturalists to plant and care for trees and shrubs, install urban farms and garden structures, and engage in green infrastructure work on roofs, gardens, private residences, supportive housing facilities, open streets, and public plazas. The ideal candidate is passionate about furthering their career in horticulture. This is a full-time, year-round position with room for growth.

The mission of The Horticultural Society of New York is to improve human lives through horticulture. Our social service and public programs create green spaces in all neighborhoods as a vital part of social infrastructure, train people for jobs that grow and sustain green communities, and develop fresh approaches to improve New Yorkers' health, well-being, and environment through horticulture.

Responsibilities Include:

- Care for newly planted trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses
- Planting, pruning, and deadheading
- Weeding and brush clearing
- Leaf, debris, and trash removal
- Irrigation repair and installation
- Composting and mulching
- Maintain tools and machinery
- Survey condition of sites
 - Communicate status of job site, including improvements needed or issues
- Maintain professionalism with clients and members of the public
- Other tasks as assigned.

Required qualifications:

- 6 months to 2 years of experience with hands-on experience building, and maintaining urban green spaces, gardens, and/or urban farms
- Punctual and dependable
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal
- Comfortable working in high traffic areas (road sides, medians, traffic circles, tree pits, etc).
- Valid NYS Driver's License, 3+ years of driving experience, and clean driving record
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Perform all other duties and tasks assigned
- **All employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to their start date**

Physical Requirements

- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds at a time

- Must be able to squat, lift, stretch, bend, and stand for extended periods of time.
- Ability to perform physical labor outside in various weather conditions
- Comfort working outside year round
- Comfort traveling throughout the city on public transportation

Benefits

The Hort offers all Full-Time regular employees a generous Paid Time Off package, termed Life Insurance Policy and Employee Assistance Program. Pre-tax benefits include transit, Flexible Spending Account, medical, dental, and vision insurance.

Additional Details

- Rate: \$20min- \$20 max per hour
- Employment Classification: Full-Time Regular
- Schedule: Monday through Friday
- Reports to: Field Supervisor

How to Apply

To be considered please email a thoughtful cover letter, resume, and two references to jobs@thehort.org with 'Gardener' in the subject line. No phone calls.

The Hort is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion. It is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, religion, creed, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, political orientation or any other characteristic protected by federal state or local law.

We provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities to enable them to perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations are also available for these individuals during the hiring process. Please email jobs@thehort.org should you require reasonable accommodations during the hiring process.