

# APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AT GOOD PICKIN' FARM

Join our Community of Learners!

The Teen Apprenticeship Program at Good Pickin' Farm is designed for teens who are interested in furthering their knowledge of farming and/or equine care practices in a hands-on setting. Apprentices are paired with employees of the farm and work closely with them throughout regular work shifts at the farm, gaining skill and independence over time. Apprenticeships are an excellent way to be introduced to the farm and farming practices, as well as to work with a variety of farm animals and/or horses. Apprentices can request to focus their time on a particular aspect of Good Pickin' Farm programs that interest them, such as the horse barn or CSA, for example, or they may rotate through a variety of experiences.

The Teen Apprenticeship Program is appropriate for:

- Teens looking to gain farming or equine experience for personal knowledge, to gain employment at a farm in the future, or because they are considering a career working with vegetable or animal farming or in an equestrian field.
- Middle and high school students looking for opportunities to fill community service requirements.
- Teens looking to boost their resume or applications for college or a great variety of other programs.
- Teens interested in gaining first-hand experience in an outdoor, educational setting.
- Teens who are interested in working in Good Pickin' Farm educational camps in the future.

Benefits:

- Participate in new experiences and gain skill in farming and/or equine care
- Enjoy fresh air and physical activity in a beautiful, educational, outdoor environment
- Join a community of caring people
- Find satisfaction in a job well done
- Priority access to Farm classes and programming

Requirements:

- Commitment to being reliable and responsible
- Willingness to learn and work at the farm
- The desire to be respectful and kind
- Ability to communicate with staff and other volunteers about issues related to your work at the farm

To apply for the apprenticeship program, fill out the application form and return it to Good Pickin' Farm with the \$20 application fee. A Good Pickin' Farm employee will be in contact with you to set up an initial 2 hour visit (included in the application fee). At this visit farm staff will get to know the teen and determine which farm program is most appropriate for him or her, either to continue with the Teen Apprenticeship Program, gaining independence and building skill, or to work as volunteers at the farm.

**GOOD PICKIN' FARM**  
**TEEN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Interests Include (circle all that apply)

Equine Care      Vegetable Gardening      Non-equine Farm Animals      Education

**Briefly state why you are interested in an apprenticeship at Good Pickin' Farm and what you have to offer the farm (you may use the back side of this form if needed as well):**

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**Availability** – Please indicate which days and times you are available to apprentice at the farm:

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours total per week would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_