**Young Conservation Stewards**

**Young Conservation Stewards Job Description:**

The Young Conservation Stewards (YCS) is an employment and job skills training program for high school aged youth. YCS participants will learn important environmental skills, including plant identification, invasive plant removal methods, native plant installation and maintenance, and trail building and maintenance. They will also develop essential soft skills in public speaking, leadership, and community outreach, and may engage the public at venues including the ALT-run West Broad Farmers Market, where they will speak publicly about the importance of green spaces in our community and the ways that community members can contribute to improving them. Job locations include Southeast Clarke Park, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens Land Trust Office, and Walker Park (formerly Trail Creek Park). The summer 2022 YCS program will take place from June 6th to July 29th Monday – Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm. Participation in Young Conservation Stewards will lead to increased employability and job placement post high school graduation.

**Young Conservation Stewards must:**

* Commit to the program by showing up to work on time and coming prepared and dressed in proper attire
* Have a reliable mode of transportation to and from work sites
* Be prepared to work in a wide range of weather conditions
* While no prior experience is required, the willingness and ability to work outside is required

**Pay:** Participants are paid for the time they are present and engaged at the worksite, rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

Upon satisfactory performance of their duties and active participation in all activities and learning experiences, Young Conservation Stewards will be paid a wage of $10.00/hour. Each Young Conservation Steward will be paid on a semi-weekly basis (every two weeks) by check.

**Applicant Information:**

Please fill out this section COMPLETELY **(Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered)**

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Date of Birth: ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please specify your Race (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaska Native & White

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific & White

\_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian & White

\_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American & White

\_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Multi Racial/Other

Please specify your ethnicity (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_\_\_ Not Hispanic or Latino

Have you ever had a job or been part of an internship/training program? (please circle one)

 Yes No

If yes, where and for how long? Please describe your role there.

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Please describe your previous experience (if any).

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Why are you interested in being a part of the YCS Program?

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What are your personal strengths?

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What are your short-term goals?

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How will participation in the YCS Program help you reach your short and long-term goals?

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**Applications should be emailed to Justin Merrifield at** **justin@athenslandtrust.org** **or dropped off at Athens Land Trust**

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