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Aldermere Farm is taking applications for the Erickson Fields Preserve Summer Internship from college students pursuing careers related to agriculture, agricultural or environmental education, sustainability, or with a deep interest in working with local food systems initiatives. The intern will assist in managing the Erickson Fields gardens, programs, and local sustainable agriculture initiatives. This competitive position will entail direct field work with youth, families and volunteers, and on-site support for community programs. The intern will participate in diverse agriculture and land-preservation related community programming, teaching youth and adults about all aspects of sustainable agriculture and organic food production.

Requirements for the internship include previous experience growing crops, preferably for market, and familiarity with all of the basic tasks associated with raising food from seed through harvest. Requirements also include experience working with youth in an educational setting. The intern will support youth in learning about both agriculture and job skills with a focus on production and providing community benefit. Personal qualifications include the ability to work independently, maintain a schedule, do hard physical outdoor labor, and respectfully supervise teens while promoting independence and growth.

The intern will have primary responsibility for working directly with the Teen Ag. Crew made up of teenagers from area high schools, hired to grow vegetables on approximately 3/4 acre of land for contracts with area food pantries and for direct sale. The intern will also assist with weekly youth programs, community garden mentoring and management, and summer camp programming. This is an inspiring internship.

Housing and a summertime weekly stipend of \$300 is provided. Participation in early season planning from April 23 to mid-May prior to starting full time is negotiable, but would be beneficial. The summer schedule is 40 hours per week and typically requires early morning work and some weekends. A valid driver's license is required, and a vehicle is helpful but not required.

Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields Preserve are two conserved farms owned and managed by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, a statewide land conservation organization dedicated to protecting the character of Maine. Please apply for this internship using the application provided by Aldermere Farm. If you need an application or have questions please contact us at (207) 236-2739 or [spost@mcht.org](mailto:spost@mcht.org).

Gratefully,  
Sarah Post, Program Manager

## 2014 Erickson Fields Preserve Summer Internship Application

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
6. School Year Completed by end of May 2014(circle one): Sophomore, Junior or Senior.
7. Major \_\_\_\_\_
8. Minor if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_
9. Please submit answers to all the following questions:
  - How would this summer Community Program Internship support progress toward your long-term career or personal goals?
  - Describe your experience with sustainable agriculture/growing food.
  - Describe your experience working with youth or with community programming.
  - What special skills or qualities make you a good candidate for this position? Why does it appeal to you?
10. Include one letter of recommendation, either academic or work.
11. Please also include your current resume.

### **Deadline for application is March 1, 2014**

**Please return completed applications addressed to:**

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