



Have you ever noticed how much fruit is around Seattle? Do you like gardening, working outdoors, or learning about trees and local food systems? Then this job could be for you!

City Fruit serves Seattle residents experiencing food insecurity by providing organic, healthy fruit that is often not available at food banks and meal programs. We harvest thousands of pounds of fruit from private and public fruit trees and distribute this locally-grown fruit to more than 30 food banks and meal programs and through our direct-to-public Fruit-for-All farm stands. We promote the stewardship of public orchards through our community and volunteer outreach events. Annually, we serve about 25,000 Seattle families and individuals.

We're seeking a Seasonal Harvester to join our team!

Our Seasonal Harvester(s) are assigned harvests in various parts of Seattle, coordinating with a dedicated team of harvesters and other City Fruit staff and area homeowners and renters who have provided access to their fruit tree. Our harvesters play a critical role in helping us get as much fruit as possible as we try to reduce food waste and share fruit equitably with all members of our community. In this role, you'll be able to see how fruit gets from an orchard or backyard, sorted, and to our community members through food banks and farmers market.

This job involves being outdoors and working hands-on with various kinds of fruit that includes plums, apples, figs, pears, grapes, berries, and more, and may help us sort, package, deliver, or distribute harvested fruit. Harvesters need to be comfortable using harvest equipment (like pickers, fruit bags, ladders, crates, and clippers); work well as part of a team and independently in both field and (rarely) office conditions; be able to transport themselves to job sites around the city (City Fruit has two vehicles for harvest and also carpools among staff; driving is not a requirement of the position but reliable transportation is); and enjoy being part of a localized solution to food insecurity and food waste. City Fruit is committed to the principles of equity, inclusion, diversity, and food/social justice, and harvest duties are shared by all members of the staff as a direct way we serve the community and engage in food justice.

We are a small but mighty team looking for the right candidate to join us to help us during a critical time of our season! While the job can be at times physically demanding, we feel it is also rewarding to work directly with food and community members who appreciate the work we do.



Description of Work Expectations:

This is a temporary part-time position with a commitment of at least 20 hours a week for 6-12 weeks, but may have as many as 35 hours/week depending on the abundance of fruit and the availability of the harvester. We are seeking someone available to start late July or early August, Monday through Friday, with hours scheduled anytime from 8:30am-6pm. Pay is \$19/hr.

The Ideal Candidate will:

- Enjoy working outdoors and is comfortable handling a variety of fruit in different conditions
- Be punctual and reliable to meet weekly scheduled harvests
- Be physically able to perform the duties of harvesting fruit: such as climb/carry ladders, carry/pick/weigh fruit, load and unload tools, use fruit pickers and clippers
- Be comfortable interacting with individuals and families whose residences we may be harvesting from and with those who may be receiving fruit
- Have access to a vehicle (gas will be reimbursed) OR comfortable driving a City Fruit vehicle
- Have prior knowledge (or be willing to learn) the basics in fruit care and harvest
- Maintain timely and professional communication with all stakeholders and community members

If Interested:

Please send a short cover letter, resume, and the contact info for two recommendations to annie@cityfruit.org. Background checks will be done on all candidates considered for the position. Please feel free to email with any questions.