

Please consider my application to be part of the Garden Corps. If I am accepted, my family and I will not plan special events or vacations during the summer training program, and the Garden Corps program will be my #1 extracurricular activity this school year. I also agree to complete this application by myself without a lot of help from another person.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Corps Applicant:  
Please Answer These  
Questions Yourself.**

If you need more space, please use a separate sheet of paper clearly marked with your name and the question number beside your answers.

1. What do you like to do during your free time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you want to join the Garden Corps? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What are your plans after high school? What careers sound interesting to you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Describe one thing **you** can do to help the environment. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever approached someone you didn't know? How did you do it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Each Garden Corps member will be given three uniform shirts and one hat. Shirts and hats will be distributed on the first day of training. Additional shirts are available for purchase during training at a cost of \$10 each.

Adult Shirt Size:  Small  Medium  Large  XL  XXL Total number of additional shirts needed: \_\_\_\_\_



# Garden Corps Application

## Garden Apprentice Program

### OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Please join us at 2 p.m. in the BBG Auditorium to find out more about the Garden Apprentice Program and the application process.

RSVP required to attend.  
Contact GAP coordinator at 718-623-7252 or GAP@bbg.org.



### DUE MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

Complete and send to:  
Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
Garden Apprentice Program  
1000 Washington Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11225  
FAX: 718-857-2430

The Garden Apprentice Program (GAP) at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden provides students in grades 8–12 with opportunities for personal growth and career development through training and internships at BBG. The four-tiered program begins with educational and job training in the summers, then places interns during the school year as education and science volunteers in BBG's various professional departments, with increasing levels of responsibility each year. During their training and one-year commitment to the program, apprentices learn about gardening, environmental issues, science, leadership, and career skills.

Garden Corps, the second tier of the Garden Apprentice Program, consists of students entering 9th or 10th grade. Garden Corps students have the opportunity to work behind the scenes at BBG in seasonal internships that expose them to the special work of educators, scientists, and gardeners and allow them to learn a wide variety of career skills. In addition to their internships, Garden Corps students may also choose to learn horticulture skills by maintaining a vegetable plot in BBG's Children's Garden. Garden Corps participants should be responsible, curious about plants and science careers, and eager to make connections with their mentors and peers.

### APPLYING TO BE A GARDEN CORPS MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must be:

- entering 9th or 10th grade in Fall 2008
- passionate about plants and the environment, and considering a science career
- willing to commit one year to being an education intern

If selected, he/she must:

- attend the entire week of the July training and complete a 5-week summer internship
- commit to working as an intern a minimum of three hours per week during the academic year
- provide lunch and transportation to and from BBG for all work shifts and trainings

### SELECTION AND STIPENDS

Garden Corps students may be placed as apprentices in the Science, Education, Horticulture, or administrative departments of Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Their enthusiasm for plants and the environment allows them to gain a vast array of science-related career experiences. Interns who successfully complete the year-long program will receive a \$100 stipend in recognition of their time and effort. On the first day of training, Garden Corps members will be given a hat and three uniform shirts, which must be worn during training and all placement shifts. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch and transportation to and from the garden.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden strives to provide meaningful opportunities for youth from different schools, neighborhoods, backgrounds, and experiences. Candidates who submit the full application package (including letters of reference) to BBG by the March 31st deadline will be invited to participate in a group interview in April. Candidates should arrive at this interview on time and prepared to discuss why they would like to join the Garden Apprentice Program. Please check the list of important dates on the following page for a comprehensive schedule of the application process.

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## APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2008

### IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN HOUSE: 2-4 PM

FEBRUARY 2, 2008

APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 31, 2008

INTERVIEWS

WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2008

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATIONS MAILED

WEEK OF MAY 5, 2008

ORIENTATION FOR APPRENTICES AND PARENTS: 2-4 PM

JUNE 7, 2008

TRAINING (Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM-3:30 PM)

JULY 15-18, 2008

Apprentices must attend the entire training period.

SUMMER PLACEMENT (Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM)

JULY 22-AUGUST 22



#### TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

The one-year Garden Corps internship is a commitment for the entire family as well as for the intern. Apprentices need cooperation, support, transportation, and encouragement in order to do their best and make the most of their participation in the program. Please be mindful of important dates and deadlines on the GAP calendar when planning family activities and vacations.

Qualified applicants will be chosen to participate in the program based on strength of application, space, and supervisory limitations. Participant performance is evaluated weekly during training and seasonally thereafter. Garden Corps students who do not meet set standards will be dismissed from the program.

After successful completion of the year-long apprenticeship, Garden Corps participants may choose to reapply to continue the program as a Junior Apprentice. There are many opportunities during the apprenticeship to discuss options for advancement with staff and with other apprentices in various tiers of the program. In addition, the valuable knowledge and job experience gained during the Garden Corps experience prepares students for the work world or college application process with job skills and familiarity with science careers.

#### TO APPLY:

- Application must be completed by the applicant.
- Include two references:
  1. Science Teacher Recommendation (form enclosed)
  2. A letter from any adult who knows the applicant well. (Form letters or letters from relatives will not be accepted.)
- Carefully complete each part of the application, as application materials must be considered as a whole. All application and reference materials will be reviewed by a Brooklyn Botanic Garden staff advisory board.
- All applicants who submit a complete application by the stated deadline will be contacted to come in for a group interview. Interviews are conducted during the third week of April.

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE GARDEN:

The Garden may be reached by public transportation:

- Subway: B or Q trains to Prospect Park station; 2 or 3 trains to Eastern Parkway; shuttle to Prospect Park.
- Bus: B16, B41, B43, B45, B48, and B71. There are visitor entrances on Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

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## DUE MARCH 31, 2008

#### COMPLETE AND SEND TO:

BBG Garden Apprentice Program, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, FAX: 718-857-2430

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering (Fall '08): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Can your family provide transportation to and from the Garden?  Yes  No Can your family provide lunch during training?  Yes  No

With whom are you living? \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in the "free lunch" or "reduced lunch" program at your school?  Yes  No;  Free lunch  Reduced lunch

School: \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Private  Parochial  Home School

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(e.g., Crown Heights, Park Slope, Bay Ridge)

If you are changing schools next year, what is your new school?

School: \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Private  Parochial  Home School

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Garden Apprentice Program? \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES: To be considered for the program you must have two references. (1) A science teacher must complete the enclosed form. (2) The other reference should be a letter from an adult who knows you well. Remember: No form letters or letters from family members.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Science Teacher) Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_