

Title: Flower Production Assistant (seasonal)

Hours: 15-30 hours weekly, including early mornings and some weekends.

Season: June through October

Wage: DOE \$15-17/hour

The Utah Flower Farm is a female owned/operated, startup cut rose farm in Holladay, Utah. At UFF, we grow an impressive variety of roses. Our mission is to provide high quality, locally grown cut flowers for our store front, local florists, and our booths at seasonal farmer markets at Wheeler Farm and Downtown Salt Lake City. The Flower Production Assistant will work closely with The Farm Manager and The Assistant Farm Manager to manage and harvest over 4,000 rose plants, June through October. The Flower Production Assistant will be asked to represent our farm at local farmer's markets throughout the summer season, and will need to enthusiastically discuss our products and our farming practices with the public.

This position is ideal for someone interested in learning about cut flower production, or looking to expand one's experience in the field. This position offers a wide exposure to flower farming, from propagation to harvesting, including post harvest handling. Majority of the hours will be fieldwork, with the potential to work at our storefront gaining experience in floral arranging and will require weekends at local farmer's markets. One should expect hard, repetitive physical work planting, weeding, watering, harvesting flowers, lugging water buckets, cleaning and maintaining equipment.

The ideal candidate:

- Has a strong passion for local flowers and small farms.
- Enjoys hard, physically demanding work.
- Is inquisitive, trustworthy, hardworking, self motivated.
- Has a good attitude; a sense of humor is a plus.
- Can work on their feet all day, and in all types of weather conditions.
- Has the ability to work fast but efficiently at time sensitive tasks like harvesting blooms.
- Enjoys working as part of a team, and can practice patience within a work environment.
- Has excellent work ethic - can arrive on time, communicates effectively, takes initiative.
- Enjoys educating and interacting with the public in order to provide excellent customer service.
- Pays acute attention to detail.
- Has creative abilities, and enjoys problem solving.
- Able to take direction, ask for help and accept constructive feedback.

Farm Duties include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining irrigation systems
- Hand harvesting flowers
- Post-harvest handling of flowers
- Weeding, Pruning and Staking rows of crops
- Mulching and/ or spreading compost
- Practicing organic farming merits
- Preparing beds for new plantings/ crops
- Operating small scale farm equipment
- Practice excellent farm equipment hygiene

Minimum Qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience of flower/gardening/farm work
- At least 1 year of experience working in customer service
- High school diploma
- Valid Utah Driver's License

Preferred Qualifications

- 2+ years experience in horticulture or on a farm
- Working toward or have earned a Bachelor's degree in horticulture/ agriculture/ botany or related field or equivalent work experience

The position of Flower Production Assistant offers a semi-flexible schedule, hands-on experience growing cut flowers, experience working for a female-owned and operated company, and competitive wages.

Please send a cover letter and resume (PDF preferred) to hello@utahflowerfarm.com with FLOWER PRODUCTION ASSISTANT as the subject line. This position will remain open until filled.