




Empower School & Farm

Umatilla, Florida

	MESA Notes - Public	This is a nonprofit, educational farm and school offering hands-on farm experience, community education and many social activities. Training activities average 35 hours per week. The stipend is \$200/month, plus free food, housing, medical insurance and local transportation.
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About the Placement:

Detailed Placement Description

Live & Work On An Organic Farm | With A Christian Perspective

Hands on Learning: Micro-intensive farming, small animal husbandry, bee-keeping, local & online marketing.

The Empower School and Farm is a not for profit national and international organization working to alleviate world hunger.

Hands on learning opportunities in sustainable food production, financial & inventory management & online marketing. Experiences may include: planting, harvesting, building soil (composting), pest & disease management strategies, marketing farm products, exposure to various growing strategies, small farm animal husbandry and other farm projects such as beekeeping with Empower Apiary, barn, cabin and greenhouse construction.

Educational Opportunities: Stewards will be in an active learning environment with opportunity to participate in classes of the Empower School offering certificate level courses in sustainable agriculture, online marketing, micro-business, local community development, foreign language studies, nutrition & world missions.

Located in Central Florida close to Disney World, Florida World Famous Beaches and the Ocala National Forest offering diverse recreational opportunities from canoeing in wilderness waterways to swimming in crystal clear constant 72° springs. Visitors can enjoy year-round camping, picnicking, fishing, birding, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and four-wheeling.

Primary Production :

Bees/Honey, Berries, Herbs, Poultry, Tree fruits, Vegetables



About the Internship:

Training Hours:

35 hours per week

Training Expectations :

- Participate in all required training classes, completing all reading and study assignments.
- Meet regularly with an assigned mentor who will be providing training

On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Assist with the day-to-day operations and farm activities including planning, planting, maintenance, harvesting, etc.
- Follow all farm and property policies regarding local regulations and health and safety standards.
- Help ensure the Empower property including the farm, gardens, and grounds are maintained at safe and aesthetically pleasing levels.
- Assist with maintenance/repair of farm and facility property, equipment, machinery, and animals as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned
- Interns are expected to work 20 hours per week and Empower School and Farm provides all housing and meals without charge.
- Due to the nature of farm work, some of these hours may occur outside traditional working hours (i.e. early morning or Saturdays, etc.).

Climate and Location Description

Located in Central Florida with a moderate climate. A semi-urban area approximately 45 minutes drive to Orlando a major city.



Compensation :

\$200/month, Home with bedroom, bath, living and kitchen facilities., Free, daily food

Accommodations and amenities provided :

Stewards will be provided a bedroom in a home with bathroom, living, dining and kitchen areas. Internet service and local transportation is provided.

Preferred start date :

Nov. & Mar

Preferred length of internship :

3-4 months

User ID:

Empower School & Farm

Mesa Notes - Internal:

Did MESA do ref. checks yet??

Status:

Accepted

Admin Only - No Notification:

No Notifications

Your Job Title:

Director/Empower School & Farm



Do you have separate mailing address? :

No

City:

State :

Zip Code:

Host Fees. \$175 Steward assignment confirmation, plus \$225/month/Steward.:

need to discuss.

Other Placement Activities:

Agri-tourism, Composting, Holistic Management practices, Hydroponics, Youth education

How many Stewards would you like to host:

2

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Are you willing to host a Steward whose English proficiency is below 30%?:

Spanish

Please list your two nearest airports, and approx. driving distance to/from the training site.:

Orlando International Airport
Tampa International Airport

We have previously hosted a MESA Steward(s):

No



We have hosted or currently host J-1 interns/trainees in another program:

No

Reference 1:

Robert Williams 352-406-7867

Reference 2:

Robb Elmatti 352-267-5087

Placement Photo:



Other Photos:

