Culinary Assistant

*Applicants must have a Federal Work Study agreement through MIIS to apply for this position*

**About Us:**
MEarth is a dynamic environmental education nonprofit that works with about 2600 youth and 2500 adults from across Monterey County annually, through our four core programs: NatureConnect, ClassroomConnect, FoodConnect and CommunityConnect. Our mission is to educate + inspire through environmental stewardship.

Over the last 17+ years, our team has led the development of the 10-acre Hilton Bialek Habitat, an award-winning environmental education center located at the mouth of Carmel Valley (adjacent to Carmel Middle School). We are looking for an enthusiastic addition to our team and can’t wait to meet you! [www.MEarthCarmel.org](http://www.MEarthCarmel.org) | [www.Facebook.com/MEarthCarmel](http://www.Facebook.com/MEarthCarmel)

**About the position:**
We are looking for an assistant to help support our ongoing FoodConnect + ClassroomConnect programs that take place in our state of the art, LEED-certified kitchen and garden. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves food, cooking, and is interested in edible gardening, nutrition & sustainability education. Prior experience in a fast-paced kitchen environment (catering, restaurants) and/or working with kids in the kitchen is a plus!

**Tasks may include the following:**
- Assist our programs in our LEED-certified kitchen classroom with small group facilitation, classroom management, set- up, and clean-up
- Green building management and upkeep
- Harvesting produce for local restaurants & for the school community/classes
- Assisting in special events in the green building kitchen
- Maintenance of garden & kitchen equipment, tools and organization

**Availability on the following dates is HIGHLY desirable:**
- Mondays 1:00-4:00pm, Thursdays 1:00-4:00pm, or Thursdays 8:30-10:30am (on-going) | Attend at least one ‘Work Day’ each week in the Organic Garden
- April 23, 2016 | Annual Community Event: MEarth Day
**Working Conditions:**
MEarth is an innovative and dynamic work environment, providing opportunities for the right candidate to explore a wide variety of avenues available in the nonprofit, environmental, agricultural, horticultural, & educational fields.

The candidate will be working around the school environment and therefore should be comfortable, presentable and a good role model for children. Successful candidate should be self-motivated and able to work alone or in groups. Creative problem solving and project-completion skills are a must.

The position is flexible (5-15 hrs/week) and will be scheduled based on applicants availability and the needs of the program. The exact scope of position will be tailored to fit specific interests of applicant, while supporting the on-going programs at MEarth. Successful completion of the hiring process is contingent on applicant passing a live-scan fingerprint/background check (paid for by MEarth).

**Payment**
$13/hr @ 5-15 hrs per week (pending the amount of the Work Study award)
This is a temporary FWS position for the 2015/16 school year and does not guarantee long-term employment at MEarth.

**To Apply:**
Send a cover letter + resume to info@mearthcarmel.org with “Your Name-Culinary” in the subject line.

No phone calls please.

Women, people of color and LGBT candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. MEarth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.