



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

1000 lake cook road glencoe, illinois 60022

Garden Assistant Application

The Chicago Botanic Garden has a 20+ year history of serving community and school gardens across Chicago. Over the years, two trends have emerged: 1) there are a lot of school and community gardens whose biggest need is volunteers to help with the day-to-day maintenance of their gardeners, but whose leaders don't have time to actively recruit and manage a volunteer corps, and 2) there are people in the community who are interested in gardening but don't have a yard of their own, so would like to be involved in a school or community garden but don't know how.

The "Gardening outside the Wall" program is a new initiative launched by CBG to ensure that these two groups of people are united so that these beautiful gardens are community assets for years to come. School and community gardens interested in working with a CBG sponsored volunteer mentor must complete a brief application to establish their commitment to the program.

As a Garden Assistant, you will receive an orientation to the program from CBG community gardening staff, and then, with your assistance, be matched with a garden that is appropriate for your interests, geographic location, and schedule. CBG staff will accompany you on your first visit to your selected garden, and from that point on, you will serve as the liaison between the community or school garden and CBG — answering gardening questions, procuring materials, organizing work days, etc.

Please submit the following information if you are interested in applying to be a Garden Assistant:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Availability: Days: _____ Times: _____

Preferred Geographic Area(s): _____

Preferred Type of Garden (ex: school, vegetable, park, etc): _____