

The School at Altenburg's Farm LEAD FARMER POSITION OVERVIEW

The School's key partner, Altenburg's Country Gardens, was established in 1964. Altenburg's Country Gardens is three miles east of Wisconsin Rapids in the Grand Rapids Township. Altenburg's Country Gardens sits on 40 acres and has been home to various crops over the past 50 years. For more information about the farm, please visit AltenburgsFarm.com.

Most recently, Altenburg's has focused on growing and selling strawberries in the spring/early summer, through pick-your-own, a farmstand, and wholesale. In the fall, Altenburg's grows and sells pumpkins and hosts Fall Festival activities for families. In the winter, Altenburg's occasionally offers special events such as sleigh rides. The farm is a profitable operation.

The School has the opportunity to enter into a long-term lease with the Altenburg Farm for nominal rent, if it can provide a Lead Farmer and additional labor to work the Farm. The Lead Farmer would be responsible for all farming operations on behalf of the School and overseeing students who will be hired to assist with farm labor, while also participating in the educational aspects of the program. Longtime owner, Harold Altenburg, would provide advice on operation of the farm and ways to build on its current success to develop a self-sustaining operation that also accomplishes a charitable and educational mission.

The School would be responsible for covering the operational expenses of the Farm. Farm operations are profitable enough to provide competitive compensation to the Lead Farmer, consistent with market rates and appropriate to level of experience and expertise.

We seek a Farmer with the following skills:

- Ability to operate farm machinery
- Knowledge of and experience with agriculture, and specialty crops in particular
- Willingness to work hours necessary to operate the farm, year-round
- Commitment to learn and be coached
- Good people skills and willingness to work with others
- Creativity and imagination
- Willingness to work with the educational aspects of the School

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gus Mancuso at [Incourage \[gmancuso@incouragecf.org\]\(mailto:gmancuso@incouragecf.org\)](mailto:gmancuso@incouragecf.org), (715) 818-6187.