

Position Announcement: Agricultural Education Urban / Suburban Specialist

The Georgia Agricultural Education Program is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Agricultural Education Urban / Suburban Specialist.

Posting Date: April 6, 2022

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Position Title: Agricultural Education Urban / Suburban Specialist

Location: TBD - Negotiable

Employment beginning date: July 1, 2022

Position Summary:

The position of Agricultural Education Urban / Suburban Specialist will be responsible for the following areas within the Agricultural Education program:

- Urban/Suburban agricultural education program development
- Urban/Suburban agricultural education curriculum development
- Develop and share agricultural resources for non-traditional Ag Ed programs
- Assist with program development for Young Farmer Teacher Programs in Urban/Suburban Ag Ed Programs.
- Expand opportunities for all Georgia Agricultural Education teachers and students to improve diversity, equity and inclusion.

General responsibilities will include planning, prioritizing and delivering statewide educational programs and activities in urban/suburban areas for agricultural education teachers, students and adult ag education programs. The position provides specialized assistance to agricultural education teachers and students to meet the needs of producers, consumers, and all interested persons in the urban/suburban areas of agriculture and agriculture business.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education: Minimum of Bachelor in Agricultural Education (Master's Degree or above preferred) or other suitable Agricultural Degree Area with three years' work experience and proven performance record. Clear Renewable Teaching Certificate in Agricultural Education preferred.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Skills Required:

- Ability to think strategically and align short and long-range goals and resources.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and work with diverse people and ideas.
- Ability to work and lead in a team environment.
- Demonstrate collaboration, consensus-building and networking skills.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, leadership and subject matter skills are necessary.
- Well defined organizational skills.



The Agricultural Education Urban / Suburban Specialist must be able to effectively and efficiently deliver educational programs for Agricultural Education teachers. This position builds connections between Georgia Agricultural Education and urban/suburban school systems to deliver high quality agricultural education programs. This position requires travel throughout the state of Georgia and possibly to national conferences.

Description of Specific Duties:

Administrative Duties:

- Provide administrative support and guidance to agricultural education teachers.
- Assist state staff in working with teachers and administrators to develop balanced agricultural education programs in urban/suburban school systems.
- Assist state staff in conducting school improvement activities and evaluation of standards.
- Develop promotional materials to reach urban/suburban school systems.

Program Development Duties:

- Initiate contact with urban/suburban school systems to develop new agricultural education programs.
- Provide support to existing urban/suburban agricultural education programs.
- Conduct non-traditional SAE workshops and award/degree application assistance.
- Conduct training for teachers and students on development and carrying-out of an FFA Program of Activities for urban/suburban chapters.
- Help identify what barriers to engagement in AgEd/FFA are perceived by urban/suburban programs and students.
- Develop helpful ideas for AgEd teachers across the state to use when recruiting and engaging "non-traditional" FFA members.
- Increase the number of AgEd courses eligible for 4th science credit.
- Develop science courses that are eligible for Rigor Science credit (HOPE eligible).
- Provide technical assistance to agriculture education teachers in teaching agricultural education for non-traditional agricultural concepts, artificial intelligence and other alternative agricultural education topics.
- Develop and provide staff development in program areas that will serve the teachers and students of agricultural education with the most up-to-date and advanced technology available in suburban/urban areas.
- Develop lesson plans and instructional materials related to agriscience, artificial intelligence, and other alternative agriculture topics to be included on the Georgia Agricultural Education Web Site.
- Provide training for teachers and students that participate in the FFA Career Development Events and leadership events related to alternative agriculture, agriscience and/or other assigned areas.
- Assist the region offices and state program manager in developing new and visionary educational programs that are designed to meet the mission and goals for Agricultural Education.
- To remain knowledgeable and technologically proficient through professional development in the area of urban/suburban agricultural education to better meet the needs of agriculture teachers and students.
- Serves as a liaison between the agricultural education program and the agricultural industry.



Other Duties:

 Provide additional duties as directed by the Curriculum & Technology Director and the State Program Manager of Agricultural Education.

Submit a cover letter and resume* to:

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* Resume should include a daytime telephone number, prior employment, and at least 3 references with addresses and telephone numbers.