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## ERICKSON FIELDS, A PRESERVE OF MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

Erickson Farm was a dairy farm for many generations, until the Erickson family stopped farming the land in the 1980s. When the Erickson Family ultimately decided they needed to sell the land they worked closely with MCHT staff in partnership with Maine Farmland Trust (MFT) to preserve the farm property. MCHT and MFT recognized the value of preserving rapidly disappearing farmland, maintaining a significant green space close to the center of Rockport village, and providing an opportunity to utilize the land as a community resource.

## VOLUNTEER



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We need volunteers to help repair fencing and sheds in the **winter**, prepare the garden in the **spring**, deliver produce to pantries in the **summer** and harvest in the **fall**. Contact our office to learn about the many ways you can be involved!

### Erickson Fields Preserve

*Physical Address:*

164 West St (Rte 90), Rockport, ME

*Mailing Address:*

Aldermere Farm

70 Russell Ave, Rockport, ME 04856

***For more information or to apply:***

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*Application instructions inside!*

## Erickson Fields Teen Ag Crew 2020 Fall Harvest Paid Internship



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**T**een Agricultural Crew is a social entrepreneurial internship where a small crew of teens **ages 14 to 18** raise vegetables naturally for the local food system, including food pantries and public schools. **Fall Harvest Interns** participate in the process of tending, harvesting, washing and packing produce. Teens work as a team and are supervised by the Farm Manager and an assistant.

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## BENEFITS TO YOU

## & YOUR COMMUNITY

Teen Ag Crew is an opportunity for teens to enter the workforce. After completing the internship, teens may apply for an advanced, hourly paid position as a Teen Ag Crew Leader the following season.

### 2020 Fall Harvest Overview

**Total Stipend:** \$250

**Schedule:** Sept. 1–Oct. 29, 2020

3:00–5:00 PM, T, W, Th\*

(4 to 6 hours per week)

**Total Hours:** 40 hours

\*We may be able to accommodate other scheduling as needed on a case by case basis.

This is an excellent internship for anyone considering a future in ecology, botany, outdoor education, horticulture, agriculture, agricultural education, or any field that requires well-developed group leadership skills. There will be weekly lessons and occasional field trips focusing on sustainable agriculture.

Teen Ag is both challenging and rewarding work that contributes to your community in a meaningful way. The Teen Ag Crew produces over 20,000 pounds annually in a 4-acre garden for the local food system, including food pantries and public schools.

## WE'RE HIRING!

Hiring takes place in the **late summer** for the **fall harvest**. We are looking for independent, creative, thoughtful teens **ages 14 to 18** to harvest vegetables for pantries and schools.

Successful applicants will work as a team valuing leadership, respect, and community and will learn about sustainable agriculture, gain job skills, learn basic business planning while spending time outdoors at Erickson Fields Preserve in Rockport.

No previous farming experience is necessary, but applicants should demonstrate an ability and desire to work hard in an outdoor setting. This is not an easy internship. Teens who are self-motivated and can work independently are preferred. Applicants should be able to stay on task with minimal supervision.



While we appreciate family support, we prioritize teen-initiative and completion of the application material by the interested candidate.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO:  
**aldermere@mcht.org**

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please submit the following:

1. **A cover letter.** In the letter explain who you are and why you're interested in the Teen Ag Crew (TAg); include any farming, gardening, or community service you have participated in; and include why you would be a good candidate. This should be no more than one page long and should address each of these areas:
  - a) Describe the hardest physical work you have ever done and how this will help you as a member of TAg.
  - b) How do you think your work with TAg would contribute to your community?
  - c) How would this experience contribute to your personal or career goals?
  - d) What personal traits or skills do you have that will help you be successful in this position?
2. **A resume.** List all your relevant paid or unpaid work experiences. Please include volunteer, school and community service projects as well. We are especially interested in outdoor physical labor experiences.
3. **A copy of your last grade report.**
4. **A list of three (3) references** we can call, with their relationship to you.