



Forest ReLeaf of Missouri 2022 Summer Canopy Crew

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and STL Youth Jobs, is seeking a diverse group of 5 youth to be part of our Canopy Crew. This summer position will work in the field 5 days/week, 5.5 hours/day for 6 weeks. The Canopy Crew will focus work in the Normandy School District footprint but also visit the Forest ReLeaf nursery located in Creve Coeur Park, as well as take field trips to other area businesses related to the green industry. **Transportation from a designated location in the Normandy School District will be provided.**

Part-time, 27.5 hours/week for 5 days each week (Mon - Fri), except 1st week (Tues - Fri)

Dates: June 21 - July 29

Hourly pay rate: \$12/hour + incentives

Canopy Crew members will be required to apply through STL Youth jobs and to participate in approximately eight hours of job readiness and financial literacy training prior to the start date.

The Canopy Crew's main role will be to grow their understanding of the value and benefit of trees and share it with others. This work is vital to a forestry program called Treesilience. Treesilience is an equitable and proactive approach to urban forestry. It looks at the overall tree canopy in an area and provides free or reduced tree removal services, pruning services, tree health monitoring and tree planting within the Normandy School District footprint. Community outreach and education are necessary to reach its goals. The 2022 Canopy Crew will:

- Be walking neighborhoods to collect tree health data using a USDA Forest Service app on tablet computers (provided);
- Be trained to use the tree health monitoring app;
- Inform neighbors about the Treesilience program by providing them with educational materials through door-knocking and events;
- Work hands-on with trees;
- Learn tree biology, tree identification, and tree care from professionals in the field;
- Participate in field trips to learn about potential career paths within the green industry and related fields;
- Cross-train with other youth crews in the green industry to increase networking;
- Have an option to join our Fall Tree Stewardship program that will offer further in-depth training on handling trees including tree plantings and time with Davey Tree Co professionals for tree removals.

Successful candidates:

- Must be between the ages of 16–24
- Must be able to work outdoors in a variety of conditions, including inclement weather

- Will be comfortable knocking on doors and communicating with the general public
- Must be able to arrive at pick up site on time
- Must be team players
- Will have ethical and responsible conduct on and off the job site
- Are ideally located in or familiar with the Normandy School District

Candidates must bring their lunch each day. Any hardships or barriers can be discussed with those applicants who are interested. Interested applicants should apply online via STL Youth Jobs.

Forest ReLeaf is an equal opportunity employer.