

## **Education Intern – Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden**

*Position for High School Juniors and Seniors*

### **About Us**

The Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the plants, ecosystems, and cultural heritage of Hawai‘i. Our work highlights the significance of the traditional Kona agricultural field system as a model for food security and sustainable agroforestry, emphasizing the deep connection between people and the land. Through efforts in biocultural knowledge, conservation, and restoration, we strive to educate and inspire the next generation to protect Hawai‘i’s unique natural and cultural heritage while fostering sustainable practices for the future.

### **Position Overview**

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic high school Junior or Senior to join us as an Education Intern. This position offers a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in education while learning about native Hawaiian plants, their cultural significance, and the importance of conservation and restoration efforts. As an intern, you will assist with school visits, serve as a docent for tours, and help prepare materials and activities to support the education team. Work days are during Garden hours, Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Responsibilities**

- Lead groups as a docent, guiding tours through the garden and sharing engaging information about native Hawaiian plants, their traditional uses, and conservation efforts.
- Assist with planning and organizing school visits and educational programs.
- Assist with organizing and participating in outside organizational events, representing the garden at community functions or educational activities hosted by other groups.
- Help prepare materials such as handouts, activity kits, and educational props.
- Participate in hands-on activities that connect biocultural knowledge, restoration practices, and Hawaiian traditions, while building the skills to share this knowledge with visitors.
- Greet and interact with guests to make them feel welcome and engaged.
- Support the gift shop by restocking items, keeping displays organized, and assisting visitors with questions about products.
- Organize, restock, and keep educational resources and supplies ready for use.

### **Qualifications**

- Must be a high school Junior or Senior.
- Interest in Hawaiian culture, plants, conservation, and working with people.
- Friendly, outgoing, and comfortable speaking with groups.
- Strong communication skills and a willingness to learn.
- Responsible, reliable, and able to follow instructions.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team.

## **What You'll Gain**

- Experience as a docent in environmental and cultural education.
- Improved public speaking, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of Hawaiian plants, conservation, restoration, and cultural traditions.
- A meaningful connection to the local community and environment.
- Volunteer hours or potential school credit (if applicable).