

Horticulturist

Job Description

The Nelda C. & H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation seeks a professional Horticulturist for Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, Texas. The position is full-time, hourly, with benefits. Work week is Monday through Friday, with occasional work on weekends and evenings. The Horticulturist reports to the Director of Horticulture.

This position manages the design, care, and presentation of permanent and temporary outdoor horticultural displays in assigned areas and assists with other projects in the garden, as needed. As a working supervisor, key responsibilities include training staff about proper application of best horticultural practices as well as managing, training, and supervising volunteers.

Knowledge of general horticultural principles, landscape maintenance techniques for display and educational purposes in public gardens, and the working knowledge of annuals, perennials, woody plants, and native plants are especially important.

This position requires excellent communication and teamwork skills, computer efficiency, and the ability to independently work in assigned areas.

Education and Experience

An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in horticulture, botany or a closely related field is required. A minimum of three years professional work experience in the industry and a minimum one year supervisory experience is preferred.

Work Environment & Physical Requirements

Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions with some occasional greenhouse work. Regularly required to use power and non-power tools, equipment, etc. This may require frequent standing, bending, kneeling, operating landscape equipment, reaching for objects, using a ladder, etc. May be required to move, push, pull or lift objects frequently up to 25 pounds and occasionally up to 50 pounds.

Salary & Benefits

Competitive salary commensurate with experience along with group medical, dental, and life insurance; retirement plan; 403(b); paid vacation, sick leave and holidays; uniforms provided

Submit a cover letter, resume, and a list of three professional references to Barbara Borawski at bborawski@starkfoundation.org. Please put Horticulturist in the subject line. The complete job description for this position is available upon request.