



**Position:** Summer Horticulture Intern

**Reports to:** Director of Landscapes and Security

**Term:** 10 weeks, Approximately 40 hrs/week

**Compensation:** \$1800 stipend and housing

Stratford Hall Historic Preserve and home to the Lee family of Virginia, is seeking candidates for the **Summer Horticulture Intern and Work Study**. This is a variable hour position (35 hours per week) for 10 weeks.

**Summary:**

Hands-on experience in professionally maintaining the historic gardens and grounds of Stratford Hall under the direction of the Director of Landscapes and Security. The intern will focus on our Field Crop Demonstration display which is an acre of heirloom field crops grown on the Northern Neck of Virginia, including a variety of tobacco crops and Three Sisters crops. The intern will also be working on removal of exotic invasive plant species on Stratford Hall Property.

**Selection of Duties, Work and Opportunities:**

- Performs basic horticultural and landscaping maintenance including
  - Maintain grass through cutting and string trimming
  - Rake and blow leaves
  - Prune trees and shrubs as directed
  - Clean and maintain nature trails
- Use of equipment properly and safely
- Maintains a safe work environment for staff, visitors, and volunteers
- Assist with public and special events which may include setting up tables, chairs, and trash collection
- Tree, shrub, perennial and vegetable identification education
- Plant nursery production
- Fieldtrips to regional historical sites

**Required Education & Experience:**

- Internship open to High School or College students that have an interest in public gardening or landscape maintenance
- Knowledge and experience with push and riding mowers, string trimmers, blowers, hand gardening tool, etc.
- Plant identification knowledge a plus
- Valid driver's license preferred

## **Specifications & Physical Requirements**

- Ability to perform physical labor in outdoor conditions, regardless of weather
- Ability to lift and carry 40 pounds

## **How To Apply:**

Please email Matt Peterschmidt at [MPeterschmidt@StratfordHall.org](mailto:MPeterschmidt@StratfordHall.org) with “Summer Horticulture Internship Search” in the subject line if you are interested in applying for this job.

Application materials should be received by February 24, 2025. Interviews will be held at the end of February.

## **About Us:**

Stratford Hall is a National Historic Landmark located in Westmoreland County, VA nestled along the Potomac Rive with over 1800 acres of open land, gardens, forest and beaches. A publicly accessible museum and historic site for over ninety years and home to the only two brothers to have signed the Declaration of Independence, Stratford Hall will leverage the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation to reintroduce our broad and diverse stories to our communities and stakeholders. A model of historic preservation and land conservation, Stratford Hall contributes actively to the Northern Neck community and encourages applications from strategic thinkers committed to joining this collaborative and dynamic leadership team as we undergo a transformative strategic planning process.

## **What We Offer:**

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to creating an inclusive and collaborative culture among our staff, which we believe is critical to advancing our mission. Prospects interested in helping to ensure Stratford Hall remains relevant for future generations and in making a difference at our historic site, in our field, and to our community are encouraged to apply. For more information about our organization please visit [www.stratfordhall.org](http://www.stratfordhall.org)

*The organization does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law.*