



MillionTreesNYC Training Program Trainee Application – 2009/2010

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What is MillionTreesNYC?

MillionTreesNYC is a citywide, public-private initiative with an ambitious goal: to plant and care for one million new trees across the city's five boroughs by 2017. Entire neighborhoods throughout New York City are being transformed into beautiful greenscapes, with every newly planted tree registered online. The City will plant 600,000 of trees on streets, in parks and other public spaces. New York Restoration Project (NYRP) will plant approximately 100,000 trees on public housing campuses, schoolyards, playgrounds, cultural institutions and other publicly-accessible properties, and galvanize non-profit and community organizations, homeowners, landowners and developers to plant the remaining 300,000. To date, MillionTreesNYC has planted over 200,000 trees and engaged over 5,000 community volunteers.

What is the green collar jobs movement?

The green collar jobs movement advocates for the development of environmentally sustainable industries and the jobs that support them. Green collar jobs provide good wages, benefits, and opportunities for growth that help people build pathways out of poverty, and help cities and regions build more independent, sustainable economies. In New York City, green collar jobs focus in the areas of transportation, energy efficiency, environmental remediation, green product development and manufacturing, and urban forestry and horticulture.

What is the MillionTreesNYC Training Program?

The MillionTreesNYC Training Program (MTTP) is a unique seven-month program that is inspired by the green collar jobs movement, and provides on-the-job career training and education to a select group of New Yorkers who wish to build careers in the fields of urban forestry, ecological restoration and urban landscaping. Program graduates are prepared for a variety of career paths, including: urban forestry management and ecological restoration at the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation; landscape design and installation at the non-profit New York Restoration Project; and a variety of horticulture and forestry-related jobs with private companies throughout the New York City metropolitan region.

MillionTreesNYC is a program of:



City of New York
Parks & Recreation



The New York City Parks Department and NYRP are jointly seeking ambitious individuals for the MillionTreesNYC Training Program. Applicants should be interested in hands-on, environmental work and should be motivated to learn both while on the job and in a classroom environment. Please be aware that this program is designed for ambitious individuals who enjoy working outdoors, like getting their hands dirty, and demonstrate discipline and consistency getting to work on-time for an early work day (most days begin at 7:00 am).

Accepted applicants will receive five weeks of training in three fields: 1) forestry; 2) ecological restoration; and 3) landscape design and installation. In the program's second month, each member will be assigned to a track devoted to one of the fields for the remainder of the term, based on his or her aptitude and interests. Each applicant will be enrolled and attend weekly classroom education at the New York Botanical Garden which covers varying disciplines in the horticultural trade. All classroom-based instruction is taught at a senior high school level and includes mandatory homework and testing.

Trainees will work for seven months, 33-hours per week: seven hours Monday through Thursday, and five hours on Fridays. Please note that attendance at all work days and NYBG classes is mandatory. Some weekend work will be required with advance notice.

The program begins October 2009 and concludes the end of April 2010. Trainees will receive a living wage of \$10.24 per hour for both work and school days.

Application Deadline is July 31, 2009.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. A valid motor vehicle license or driver's permit valid in the State of New York;
2. A high school diploma or GED; and
3. Meet certain medical and physical requirements.

Completed applications should be submitted to:

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MillionTreesNYC Training Program
1234 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor
New York, New York 10029**

Milliontreestraining@parks.nyc.gov

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In the space below or on a separate sheet, please provide at least 3 reasons why you believe you are a strong candidate for this intense and challenging outdoor training program (200 words or less):

Are you interested in pursuing a long-term career in the green collar job industry – including urban forestry, ecological restoration or urban landscape? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain:

Have you ever completed any kind of community volunteer work – through school, your place of worship or independently)? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, briefly explain:

Have you ever worked in the outdoors – for example, community gardens, parks or athletic fields? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, briefly explain:

General Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Apartment Number: _____ Zip code: _____

Borough: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Are you currently a resident of a NYCHA development? Yes ____ No ____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

How Did You Learn about The MillionTreesNYC Training Program?

Please check how you learned about the MillionTreesNYC Training Program:

Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP) NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

Parks Opportunity Program (POP) New York Restoration Project (NYRP)

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

OTHER, please specify: _____

Background Information

Are you legally authorized to work in the United States of America? Yes___ No___

Have you ever been barred or disqualified from a City, County, State or Federal job? Yes___ No___

Have you ever been disciplined (for example – suspended, demoted, reprimanded, fined, fired, terminated, discharged) in any position, by either a public or private employer? Yes___ No___

Have you ever resigned from a job while a disciplinary action was pending against you? Yes___ No___

Have you ever resigned from a job to avoid termination or disciplinary action? Yes___ No___

IMPORTANT – A conviction record or pending criminal charges will not necessarily disqualify you from the position for which you are applying. If you list convictions or pending charges, you may state facts in favor of your employment in the Comments section. These facts will be considered when reviewing your case.

Have you ever been convicted of any offense anywhere? * Yes___ No___

Are any criminal charges pending against you? Yes___ No___

* Note – Offenses include felonies, misdemeanors and violations. A plea of guilty is a conviction even if you were never imprisoned, only paid a fine, were conditionally discharged or received a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities.

List all convictions and/or pending charges below (Note – It is grounds for termination if you do not disclose a complete list).

<u>Arrest Date</u>	<u>Offense Name</u>	<u>Location of Court</u>	<u>Sentence/Date</u>

Do you have a valid driver license? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, from what state? _____ What class of driver's license? _____

Was your license/certification held by you ever suspended, restricted or revoked or have you ever been censured or disciplined by any licensing or certifying organization? Yes ___ No ___

List any traffic convictions and pending charges (for example – driving without insurance, moving violations, etc.). Do not include/list parking tickets.

<u>Date of Conviction</u>	<u>Traffic Conviction</u>	<u>Location of Court</u>	<u>Disposition</u>

Educational Background

School last attended – include city/state and years attended:

Highest grade completed: [9] [10] [11] [12] [Some College] [College Grad]

Did you graduate or will you graduate from high school? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, on what month/year did you graduate? _____

If no, did you complete a GED? Yes ___ No ___

If yes to completing a GED, on what month/year did you earn the GED? _____

If no to completing a GED, are you currently enrolled in a GED program? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, on what month/year did you enroll in the GED program? _____

Name of GED program currently enrolled in: _____

GED Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Have you attended other training or educational programs since high school? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, provide name of school and/or program, institute location (city/state), month/year to month/year attended, and reason for leaving:

The MillionTreesNYC Training Program scheduled work hours will be approximately Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm daily, running from October 2009 through May 2010. Do you have any professional and/or personal commitments that would cause a conflict with this schedule?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain:

Physical Demands (not limited to):

Can you work outdoors, in some cases inclement weather, in all seasons? Yes___ No___

Can you lift at least 50 pounds? Yes___ No___

Can you work in steep and rocky terrain? Yes___ No___

Can you work in or near water (e.g. in waders) Yes___ No___

Can/would you like to climb trees Yes___ No___

Employment History

Are you currently employed? Yes___ No___

If yes, what is your work schedule? Full-time___ Part-time___ Day___ Evening___

Out of the last six months, how many months did you work? _____

List your three most recent jobs (if applicable):

1.) Employer: _____

Position/job title: _____ Salary/hourly wage: _____

Hours worked weekly _____ Start and end dates (month/year to month/year) _____

Employer's street address, city/state/zip code and telephone:

Supervisor's name:

Duties:

Reason for leaving job:

Can we contact this employer: Yes___ No___

2.) Employer: _____

Position/job title: _____ Salary/hourly wage: _____

Hours worked weekly _____ Start and end dates (month/year to month/year) _____

Employer's street address, city/state/zip code and telephone:

Supervisor's name:

Duties:

Reason for leaving job:

Can we contact this employer: Yes_____ No_____

3.) Employer: _____

Position/job title: _____ Salary/hourly wage: _____

Hours worked weekly _____ Start and end dates (month/year to month/year) _____

Employer's street address, city/state/zip code and telephone:

Supervisor's name:

Duties:

Reason for leaving job:

Can we contact this employer: Yes_____ No_____

Signature

I hereby certify that the information presented in the above application is a full and truthful accounting of my history and interest in the MillionTreesNYC Training Program. In addition, I understand that by signing this document, MillionTreesNYC may share information contained in this application with its program partners and funders.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** _____