

Tier 1: Wasatch Community Gardens School Garden Program Ambassador

What does it mean to be a WCG Ambassador?

The mission of Wasatch Community Gardens is to empower people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, local, organic food. We expect our ambassadors to adhere to principles of organic gardening and to maintain an attitude of respect for other participants in the program. Being an ambassador is an extension of who WCG is and what WCG is growing. We want you to always keep that focus in mind; people are watching you and want to know what Wasatch Community Gardens is all about! We know that WCG isn't for everyone but we can always strive to be attractive in showcasing our efforts in a non-judgmental way.

What Wasatch Community Gardens expects from our Ambassadors:

- We expect ambassadors to be active in understanding who Wasatch Community Gardens is and what we do.
- You are responsible for executing the lessons that have been provided. Wasatch Community Gardens is happy to provide initial start-up equipment and on-going support via email, but you will be expected to teach the monthly lessons and maintain your classroom garden bed independently.
- You are responsible for returning the feedback sheets.
- You are responsible for providing at least 2-3 photos per month of your classroom executing the lesson plans.
- Be aware of the community – if other teachers or colleagues ask about your work in the garden or about how to be involved, try to be approachable and know how to connect them to Wasatch Community Gardens.
- You are responsible for working with the School Garden Director to set up two meetings per year – a start of year orientation and an end of year review.
- Because we strive to work with a wide variety of teachers and students, you will be responsible for completing a very basic demographic sheet for your school and classroom. Individual demographics will be kept confidential and will only be used in aggregate for reporting purposes.

What Ambassadors can expect from Wasatch Community Gardens:

- A Wasatch Community Gardens T-Shirt
- The specialty supplies needed to execute the curriculum
- All of the lesson plans and the master copies of the worksheets
- Seeds needed to execute the curriculum
- Early entry into Wasatch Community Gardens' amazing plant sale
- Discounted entry into Wasatch Community Gardens' standard fee organic gardening workshops



Application to be a WCG School Garden Program Ambassador:

Please respond to the following questions in a separate document. Don't be afraid of any wrong answers. We love to work with educators of all stripes - from brand new teachers who have never put a foot in their school

garden to experienced teachers who have worked for years with other garden curriculums. Whether or not your garden is a large, multi-plot space or just a single container garden for your classroom, Wasatch Community Gardens would love to hear from you! Answer all the questions to the best of your ability, and feel free to add any comments that you think we'd like to know. When you are done, email your application to liz@wasatchgardens.org

1. Name and contact information (email address and phone number)
2. What School do you teach at (please include the name of the school and the name of the district)? Preference will be given to schools in Salt Lake County, but schools in Utah and Davis counties are welcome to apply!
3. What grade do you teach? Be aware that this curriculum is written for elementary aged students.
4. Does your school have a garden? Describe your garden (size, layout, number of garden beds, approximate size of common/gathering spaces, availability of tool storage, etc.)
5. What is your current level of participation in your school garden?
6. If your garden is larger than the space that you use, please describe how it is maintained: who manages the garden during the summer, how are the communal spaces maintained, how many beds are being used by individual classroom teachers, etc.
7. Alright, let us know why you would like to be an Ambassador for Wasatch Community Gardens!