

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens
Job Description

Position Title: Grower Assistant **Date:** January 2026
Reports to: Nursery and Greenhouse Manager
Classification: Full time, Non-Exempt

Position Summary: The Grower Assistant works under the guidance of the Nursery and Greenhouse Manager to produce, maintain, display and sell plants. The Grower Assistant will interact daily with the Horticulture and Facilities team while also working and collaborating with all other departments. The Grower Assistant will also engage with volunteers and the public to support the institution's guiding mission of sparking a passion for plants and gardening through accessible science and inspiring beauty.

Job Responsibilities:

- Under direction of the Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, water, fertilize, weed and organize plants in the nursery as needed
- Propagate plants by seed, cutting and root division while monitoring nursery plants for pest and disease problems
- Assist with upkeep and repair of nursery and greenhouse facilities and equipment
- Maintenance of sellable plants located at the Yew Dell Visitor Center, including watering, inventory rotation and marketable presentation
- Support the Nursery and Greenhouse Manager during guided tours, lectures, classes, and workshops
- Use of computer software for online plant sale tasks
- Assist in the implementation of sustainable pest control measures
- Participate in training and professional development opportunities
- Field horticulture questions and inquiries from the public
- Train, supervise and work with volunteers and occasionally lead volunteer workdays
- Assist with Yew Dell community programs and events
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications/Requirements:

- At least two years of experience in greenhouse production or related field
- Ability or willingness to learn how to operate and maintain a variety of power equipment and vehicles such as rotary tillers, backpack blowers, front end loaders, golf carts and manual transmission utility vehicles
- Familiarity with basic nursery equipment including fertilizer injectors, sprayers and power equipment
- Familiarity with basic landscape and garden plant identification and cultivation requirements
- Openness to and enthusiasm for learning new techniques, products, and approaches
- Must have or be able to obtain a Kentucky pesticide applicator license
- Must be willing to work rotating-seasonal and non-standard hours as needed
- Ability to work cooperatively with other staff and volunteers and a willingness to assist others in the service of Yew Dell's mission
- Ability to lift 50 pounds and be on foot for long periods of time
- Must have daily transportation and ability to attend meetings and various functions as required

To apply send your resume to:
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