

# AQUACULTURE APPRENTICESHIP

Aqua Garden, a walleye aquaponics facility in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, has partnered with UWSP Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility to offer a PAID apprenticeship opportunity for an individual that is passionate about local food production and aquaculture. Aqua Garden aims to be the first commercial, land-based, walleye farm in the US. [Learn more about Aqua Garden.](#) Additional training will be provided at UWSP NADF as part of this apprenticeship.

## Responsibilities:

- *Ecosystem Management* - 30%

Monitor fish/plant health, daily water tests, planting, fish feeding, plant loop irrigation maintenance, data entry.

- *Harvesting* - 30%

Harvesting and packaging our product for local customers.

- *Cleaning* - 30%

Cleaning plant/fish equipment and general building according to Aqua Garden's food safety plan.

- *Customer Service* - 10%

Serving customers at the Aqua Garden facility, local deliveries.

**Eligibility:** Individual passionate about local food production, aquaculture, fisheries, environmental science, natural resources or similar fields. Minority, women, and other underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Participants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and its possessions.

**Start Date:** Approximately November 2023, but negotiable.

**Location:** Rice Lake, Wisconsin

## To Apply:

Application materials include:

1. A letter of interest thoroughly indicating qualifications & interests,
2. Complete contact information for 3 professional references

Direct Applications, questions, or additional information including wages to:

Tyler Firkus, UWSP NADF Facility  
Operations Manager:

[tyfirkus@uwsp.edu](mailto:tyfirkus@uwsp.edu)

or 715-779-3461

**Deadline:** Open until filled or by  
September 8th, 2023.



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