**URBAN GARDEN LEADERSHIP TEAM/UROC* COORDINATOR**

**Coordinator Role**
Assist with and help coordinate the Arboretum’s Urban Garden Youth Employment Program, as well as staff the UROC office 3 days a week, year round, and plan this year’s Youth Voices Conference.

**Job Responsibilities**
Plan and facilitate the Youth Voices Conference. Invite urban garden youth groups from around the country to share common interests, goals, and differences. Encourage the youth to write proposals and suggestions for the program. Challenge the leaders and facilitators that make urban garden programs possible to start acknowledging the youth voice and incorporate it into their planning.

On-the-job training, learning outcomes:
- Public Speaking/Presentations
- Conference Planning
- Community/ Family Engagement

**Personal Statement**
I’ve been a part of the Urban Gardens Program for over 10 years now. I’ve had experience in being a participant, a facilitator, and finally a member of the leadership planning team. I’m more than happy to say that the Arboretum’s Urban Garden Program has helped me figure out what I want to do in the near future. I love the work that they do with youth, the different job skills I’m acquiring, and the work opportunities that they provide. This fall, I will be starting a master’s program in Youth Development Leadership. I hope to learn new strategies for working with youth and implement those into the Arboretum’s programs.

![Karen visiting Elmina Beach Resort: Cape Coast, Ghana](image)

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