



CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES CERTIFIED TRAINING PROGRAM
Funded by CalFire Grant

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This training program will provide you with the knowledge and skills to select, plant, care and maintain trees. A certificate for training will be provided at the end of the program for trainees who satisfactorily complete the program including written and field evaluations. This should qualify you to get employment by landscapers, nurseries, cities, county, or start your own business. There is no cost to you other than your time. You can earn about \$3000 in the 3rd year of the program. A business opportunity is available immediately after graduation. We will work together to have as much flexibility in scheduling as possible. You must be 18 or over. (Note: As with all grants, this program depends on available state funds.)

PROGRAM LENGTH: ~3 years part-time (flexible scheduling)

START DATE: (estimated) March 2016 **END DATE:** December 2018 - Graduation

3-PART PROGRAM:

Part 1: Workshops - introducing the topics listed below

2016 - Two 2-day workshops; 2017 - One 2-day workshop; 2018 - One 2-day workshop

Part 2: ~120 hrs classroom learning

Part 3: Field Work (majority of the program)

Note: classroom topics are combined with field work (2016: ~ 4 to 6 hrs a week - evenings or Saturdays, mornings or afternoons) (2017 and 2018: field work based on tree planting projects).

TOPICS COVERED: READING MATERIALS AND BOOKS PROVIDED

The Benefits of Trees

How to Prepare a Planting Area

How to Water a Tree

How to Prune a Tree

Community Engagement

What is Carbon

How to Set Up a Tree Nursery

Safety in the Field

How to Select a Tree

How to Plant a Tree

How to Feed a Tree

How to Check on the Health of a Tree

What are Greenhouse Gases?

How to Measure Stored Carbon

How to Manage a Tree Nursery

How to Operate the Most Commonly Used
Landscaping Tools and Equipment

EVALUATIONS: (Goal is to make sure you are learning the knowledge and skills)

Attendance and participation

Written and field work evaluations of knowledge and skills in each area

STIPENDS: Food and transportation covered for workshops, classroom and field work. Year 2 (2017) a small stipend ~ \$500-650 to manage a tree planting project. Year 3 (2018) a stipend ~ \$3000 to care and maintain several tree plantings.

JOB OPPORTUNITY TO RUN YOU OWN SMALL BUSINESS STARTING 2019 - Small business start-up available for 2 or 3 graduates to care and maintain tree plantings funded by the grant. First year revenue for the business is \$63,000. We help you start-up your new business.



APPLICATION (please print clearly)

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES certified training program

We will contact you to discuss the program and answer your questions.

Name: _____ **Age (18 or over):** _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you employed (Yes/No): _____ **Part time or Full time:** _____

Days and hours you currently work: _____

What type of work: _____

Are you in school (Yes/No): _____ **Part time or Full time:** _____

Days and hours in school: _____

What are you studying: _____

Do you need community service hours (Yes/No): _____

Can you make a 3 yr commitment to this training if selected (Yes/No): _____

What days & times are you NOT available for training: _____

LIST UP TO 3 REFERENCES:

1. Name, phone # and relationship: _____

2. Name, phone # and relationship: _____

3. Name, phone # and relationship: _____

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM? USE BACK OF SHEET.



WHY I AM INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM:

Note: If you are selected for this training program we will develop a contract that states our expectations of each other.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

**Mail application to: Incredible Edible Community Garden
154-A West Foothill Blvd., #101, Upland, CA 91786**