

## **Arborist Apprenticeship, Soulful Seeds**

Position: Arborist Apprentice Organization: Soulful Seeds Location: Reno/Sparks, Nevada

Position Type: Full Time

Compensation: Structured pay increases throughout the program, \$16/hour starting wage

**Duration:** 24-month commitment

Benefits: Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, and vision insurance, retirement

plan, and paid time off

Education: Cost of education is covered by Soulful Seeds

#### Overview:

Soulful Seeds' Arborist Registered Apprenticeship offers a transformative experience for tree enthusiasts. As an apprentice, you'll immerse yourself in the world of arboriculture, working alongside seasoned professionals to cultivate your skills and passion for trees. This program is designed to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of tree care, from planting and pruning to disease management and safety protocols.

Diversity is encouraged! Soulful Seeds celebrates diversity and encourages applications from all backgrounds. We value inclusivity and seek candidates who share our commitment to environmental stewardship.

### Responsibilities:

**On-the-Job Training (OTJ):** Accumulate 2000 hours of paid, hands-on experience caring for trees per year. This includes tasks such as planting, pruning, diagnosing tree health issues, and implementing treatment plans.

**Education:** Engage in 400+ hours of paid classroom sessions covering tree biology, pruning techniques, safety protocols, and environmental conservation. Classes will be taught by industry experts and will include both theoretical and practical components.

**Certifications:** Obtain essential credentials and work towards becoming a certified arborist.

**Skills Development:** Master tree climbing, power equipment operation, and tree planting, pruning, and maintenance. Learn to use specialized tools and equipment safely and effectively.

**Commitment:** Be willing and able to commit to the program for 24 months, demonstrating reliability and a strong work ethic.

### **Qualifications:**

Age: Must be 18 years or older.

**Education:** High school diploma or GED.

**Driver's License:** Valid driver's license with a clean record.



Language Skills: Proficient in reading, speaking, and writing in English.

**Physical Ability:** Capable of lifting a minimum of 50 lbs. throughout the program and able to scale trees.

Must be comfortable working outdoors in various weather conditions.

# **Application Process:**

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to **hello@soulfulseedsnevada.org**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. In your cover letter, please explain your interest in arboriculture and how you align with Soulful Seeds' mission and values.