## Iowa State University
### Agricultural Entrepreneurship Initiative (AgEI)
AgEI Summer Internship Program - Company Application

### JOB TITLE: Farm Crew Team member

#### CANDIDATE PROFILE
The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in food production and a future career in the field. He/she will enjoy working outside and come to work prepared for the day. After some time the candidate may be asked to help with the farmers market and potentially work shifts at the stand by themselves.

#### ABOUT DANGOOD GARDEN
DANGOOD GARDEN IS A FOUR ACRE DIVERSIFIED VEGETABLE FARM IN JOHNSTON, IA. OUR PRODUCTS ARE SOLD THROUGH THE DES MOINES FARMERS’ MARKET, THE IOWA FOOD COOP, TROSTEL’S GREENBRIAR, TROSTEL’S DISH, WHEATSFIELD COOP, AND FARM TO TABLE DELIVERY. I MAY ADD A SMALL CSA FOR 2018.

### Job Description:
The Farm Crew Team Member will help with daily farm operations and be trained on how to harvest and care for all crops on the farm.

### ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- Help with planting, harvesting, and weeding crops
- Help with starting and caring for transplants
- Trellising tomatoes
- Preparing for deliveries and the farmers’ market

### REQUIREMENTS
- A positive attitude towards physical work
- Commitment to completing tasks in a timely manner
- Availability for the majority of the summer

### PREFERRED SKILLS
- Basic knowledge of plant care
- Good listening and communication skills
- Previous experience with physical labor and challenging weather conditions

### ABOUT OUR TEAM
While growing up in Johnston, IA, I tended a very small vegetable garden with my father and continued growing food as a casual hobby. During college I was lucky enough to have a landlord for three summers who let me make a slightly bigger garden, and quickly became hooked. I was fascinated with the diversity of both common and less common vegetables that aren’t commonly available at grocery stores, and enjoyed learning how to cook with lots of new things. Convinced that there was a possibility I might want to take growing food more seriously, I started a new 1/6 of an acre garden in my Grandpa’s backyard on the south-side of Des Moines. I then made the garden larger the following year, and added two new plots in the yard of a close family friend in Johnston in 2014. In 2015, I moved onto a new farm in Johnston, where my father also started his hay operation, Saylorville Farms. The new farm has made it easier to start using more convenient and efficient methods of storing and managing the produce. In 2017 the garden now spans five acres.

I believe that eating local and responsibly grown food is key to better health and is a great benefit to the economy. It’s also just fun to have more options, more color, and more flavors in the foods that you eat. I am relatively new to the lifestyle of being a food producer, and am always striving to learn more. I enjoy sharing ideas, or a type of food or recipe I am excited about.

Please submit completed position descriptions to acblair@iastate.edu by February 18, 2018.