

# tidelines institute

## \*\*Hiring announcement: Local Foods Educator\*\*

### Overview

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Tidelines Institute, a Gustavus-based educational nonprofit, seeks a Local Foods Educator to manage the commercial kitchen at our Good River Campus, prepare daily meals for 12-25 individuals during the work week, and teach culinary skills to college-age students. This is a seasonal, full-time position running June 1<sup>st</sup>-November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (dates somewhat flexible). For the right person, this position is renewable in future years, and some winter work may be available. Please visit [tidelinesinstitute.org](https://tidelinesinstitute.org) for more information about the organization.

### Responsibilities

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- Live in Gustavus during term of employment, except while on vacation or off-site as needed to fulfill duties
- Cook two meals each weekday for the campus community (12-25 individuals) during program operations (weekend work may occasionally be required)
- Teach culinary and food preservation skills to students, volunteers, and interns
- Conduct regular kitchen inventory
- Cook and preserve produce coming in from the garden, in coordination with garden staff
- Manage food ordering
- Manage kitchen budget
- Maximize amount of food made and procured locally (bread, yogurt, granola, etc.)
- Keep kitchen in sanitary condition in compliance with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation requirements
- Maintain active Food Protection Manager certification
- Prepare food for student trips
- Participate in Tidelines community life
- Provide formal and informal mentorship to Tidelines students
- Potentially offer culinary and/or local foods workshops open to the Gustavus community
- Assist with foraging and subsistence activities, including procuring and putting up local wild foods, and guide students in this
- Serve on at least one self-governance committee
- Assist staff as needed with Employer's programs, including cleaning, hosting, transportation, and logistics
- Assist with other campus duties (caring for ducks & chickens, etc) as needed on an ad hoc basis
- Support holistic student wellbeing including physical, mental, and social health.
- Assist Employer in designing and delivering educational courses consistent with the Employer's mission and the Employee's skill set.
- Abide by the terms of the Tidelines Institute Personnel Policy

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### Desired Experience / Personal Qualities

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- Bachelor's degree, culinary school degree, or relevant life experience
- Current Food Protection Manager certification or ability to acquire certification by start date (Tidelines may be able to assist with course costs)
- Experience feeding large groups on a budget (either in a professional or informal setting)
- Experience teaching and mentoring young people
- Experience with canning, pickling, preserving, fermentation and/or baking
- Experience living and working in diverse communities
- Ability to get creative with garden produce and leftovers
- Valid US driver's license
- Personal qualities: hard worker & self-starter; does NOT need 24/7 supervision, excellent teamwork skills, flexibility, sense of humor, resourcefulness, and positive attitude
- BONUS: experience managing a kitchen, experience butchering meat or processing fish, experience gardening/harvesting wild foods, and/or knowledge of Alaskan food traditions

### Compensation

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- \$2500-\$4000 monthly salary, DOE
- Full room, board, and on-site utilities during employment
- Up to \$500 travel reimbursement
- Two weeks PTO
- Medivac insurance
- Appropriate use of Tidelines outdoor gear and vehicles

### To Apply

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Please send the following materials to Laura Marcus at [laura@tidelinesinsitute.org](mailto:laura@tidelinesinsitute.org). Inquiries can be directed to the same address.

1. Cover letter, including
  - Your background, skills, & experience
  - Your interest in Tidelines Institute's mission
  - Dates of availability
1. Resumé
2. Contact information for two references