

**Organization:** Food Forward, Inc - a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, [www.foodforward.org](http://www.foodforward.org)

**Position:** kNOw Waste Program Classroom Educator

**Hours:** 4-8 hours a week, depending on the number of classes taught, mid Sept-mid Nov 2017

**Location:** Educators will be based at elementary schools located in LA County. Exact locations TBD.

**Organizational Overview:** *Food Forward's mission is to rescue fresh local produce that would otherwise go to waste, connecting this abundance with people in need, and inspiring others to do the same.* With the volunteer-power of over 7,000 registered volunteers and a small staff, we will help feed over 1.25 million Southern Californians in need with healthy, nutritious, otherwise wasted produce this year.

**Program Overview:** **Food Forward's kNOw Waste Program** is an interdisciplinary, standards-aligned 5th grade curriculum that introduces students to the connections between reducing food waste, improving environmental outcomes, hunger as a social concern, and the importance of utilizing surplus to meet the needs of the food insecure. During the 2016-2017 school year, Food Forward piloted [kNOw Waste](#) in 6 elementary schools throughout Los Angeles, reaching 450 fifth grade students and will continue piloting with more schools in the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Position Description:** The kNOw Waste Classroom Educator is a contract position that will report to the Education Manager. S/he will be responsible for providing onsite lesson instruction for multiple classes of 25+ fifth grade students at elementary schools located throughout LA County.

The ideal candidate is passionate about hunger/food justice issues and youth education. This position is the perfect fit for someone with a flexible schedule and the desire to be a part of an exciting youth engagement program unlike any other. This position is a great opportunity for new educators to gain hands-on experience, or for retired teachers to dip their toes back in the classroom.

**Responsibilities:**

- Attend curriculum training at Food Forward offices in North Hollywood and teacher planning meeting onsite at schools prior to beginning classroom instruction
- Lead the instruction of 6 kNOw Waste lessons, weekly or twice weekly over the course of one month to 2-3 classes of fifth grade students during regular school hours (information on exact school locations and teaching period timeframe will be provided closer to the start of the program)
- Provide twice weekly school updates to Education Manager
- Provide support to classroom teachers as needed
- Obtain and prepare any required food connection components for lesson tastings from Food Forward office
- Lift and carry supplies up to 30 lbs
- Attend program wrap up meeting at Food Forward office following the completion of lessons

**Requirements:**

- Experience and desire to work with children
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to adapt to changing educational environments

- Passionate understanding of the need to engage younger generations in the discourse about food waste and insecurity
- Bachelor's degree preferred

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**Compensation:** \$25 hr, plus mileage reimbursement for non-commuter miles

**NEXT STEP:** To apply, please send a cover letter in the body of the email to [career@foodforward.org](mailto:career@foodforward.org). Within your cover letter please answer the following: If you were a piece of surplus produce what would you be and why?

Please **attach your resume in PDF format and send to [career@foodforward.org](mailto:career@foodforward.org)**, with the Subject Line reading "kNOw Waste Educator (first and last name)." No phone calls. Please follow these instructions to ensure that we process your application.