



## LANDSCAPING/GROUNDSKEEPER LABORER

The Washington State Fair Events Center is hiring a Landscaping/Groundskeeper Laborer to perform care and maintenance of fairground landscapes, lawns, interior plantings, and parking lots, including weeding, designing, and preparing for planting. Other duties as assigned, which may be outside the above scope of work to support the organization's goals and objectives.

### WHO WE ARE

Located in the shadow of Mt. Rainier, the Washington State Fair Events Center features a 165-acre, campus-like setting for year 'round use. The events center hosts 129+ events throughout the year plus the organization's self-produced signature events.

Started in 1900, the Washington State Fair is the largest fair in the state and in the Pacific Northwest, and one of the biggest in the world. The 20-day fair starts the Friday of Labor Day, and welcomes more than a million guests who enjoy top-name entertainment, animals and agriculture, feature exhibits, shopping, the arts, food and rides. Each April, the Washington State Spring Fair is held over two weekends featuring animals, agriculture, shopping, free entertainment, food and rides.

In addition to the fairs, the Washington State Fair Event Center produces Oktoberfest Northwest in October, The Taste Northwest in July, and Holiday Magic in December. Oktoberfest Northwest features three days of great food, drinks, entertainment and activities for all ages. The Taste Northwest is a three-day extravaganza welcoming a diverse array of restaurants, food trucks, and entertainment for all ages. Holiday Magic is a festive winter experience filled with lighted displays, ice skating, live nativity animals, festive food and drinks, rides, a night market and more!

*Mission - We provide Washington's home to gather and celebrate for generations to come.*

*Core Purpose – To celebrate life in Washington.*

*Core Values – Education, Family and Fun.*

### ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

- Mow, water, fertilize, weed, thatch and repair lawns.
- Lay sod or seeds, if necessary.
- Place/move sprinklers and hoses on lawns without irrigation systems.
- Clean and grease mowers as needed.
- Shape and prune trees.
- Program, check, and repair irrigation systems.
- Apply pesticide to weeds and insects.
- Transport landscaping and grounds planters, barriers, and other similar items in support of events and operations.
- Assist with ditching and utility installations related to landscaping and grounds work.

- Install and repair landscaping fencing.
- Load/unload delivery trucks related to landscaping and grounds deliveries. Haul and load bark, mulch, dirt, rocks, and tree limbs.
- Assist with hanging and removing holiday decorations and festoon lighting.
- May assist with Installation and removal of stage cover and portable structure tents and awnings.
- May be required to pick up supplies and materials needed for use on campus.
- Clean up and winterize all beds.
- Assist other departments as needed.

### **IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- High school diploma or general education degree (GED); and 1-3 years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Familiarity with fairgrounds and facilities or similar operations is desired.
- Experienced in the safe operation and use of all equipment and tools.
- Working knowledge and care of plant materials and knowledge of greenhouse management and organization.
- Experience with watering, irrigation system set up and maintenance, pruning, transplanting, weeding, fertilization, pesticide applications, care of festoon lighting, and general seasonal maintenance of grounds.
- Basic electrical and carpentry knowledge is desired.
- Must possess public relations skills, with the ability to establish and keep effective working relationships with others.
- Must be skilled in oral communications with good organizational skills, flexibility, the ability to work well under pressure and pay attention to detail.
- Must work independently and have the ability to analyze situations accurately and take effective actions with minimal supervision
- Forklift, Scissor Lift, Boom Lift, backhoes and tractor Certifications and/or training completion are desired and are required upon successful completion of probationary period.
- This position requires the ability to stand for up to 8 hours, work in all weather conditions, and lift and/or move up to 100 lbs. Interior and exterior work settings.

### **COMPENSATION & BENEFITS**

The pay range for this position is \$17.75 – \$26.62 hourly based on an assessment of knowledge, skills and experience of the candidate offered and includes a comprehensive benefits package comprised of healthcare coverage options; vacation and sick leave accrual; and retirement plan.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please email cover letter and resume to [jillianc@thefair.com](mailto:jillianc@thefair.com). Job posting will remain open until the position is filled.