

## **Hands-on Orchard Management Trainee in Shawangunk, NY**

**Once Munsee Orchard** offers the opportunity for a manager to help shape, and grow with, this new venture in a beautiful and strategically-located setting in the lower Hudson Valley. Mixed varieties are being planted in high-density tall-spindle blocks to serve the wholesale fresh market. The first 8 acres are planted in 2019, expanding to minimum of 50 newly planted acres by 2022. 300 contiguous acres are available on this property and additional expansion will be evaluated as the business develops.

We are looking for a manager with the expertise, energy and ambition to make the most of this new orchard.

### Expertise needed:

- \* Horticulture, with a focus on Pomology and some knowledge of organic and biodynamic principles
- \* Mechanical aptitude, including familiarity with farm and orchard equipment
- \* Communications, both written and spoken, with bilingual English/Spanish desired but not required
- \* Team leadership, with interest in crew management, efficiency of operations
- \* Entrepreneurial spirit and business-savvy, ready to participate in planning, scheduling & budgeting a start-up

### Experience expected:

- \* Some direct farm experience, preferably in fruit production, ideally with apples

### Education desired:

- \* Minimum of two years post-secondary education in agriculture or a related field. B.S. or advanced degree in agriculture preferred, along with some record of business admin and/or economics courses.

### Compensation and benefits offered:

- \* Competitive salary, commensurate with qualifications
- \* Attractive terms to address employment security, career growth and entrepreneurial ambitions
- \* Opportunities for tuition support and paid-time-off related to continuing education and development
- \* Family-friendly housing available