



SCLT Farm Apprenticeship Program

Apprentices will train full-time at Foggy Notion Farm (see description below). Hands- on learning of in-depth farm skills from their farm mentors is combined with farm tours, classes, and network- building meetings. Apprentices complete the program with not only technical skills, but also a broader understanding of farm conditions and connections to resources needed to begin a farming career.

Apprentices also participate in SCLT's beginning farmer training program. Apprentices will develop an education plan with their host farms that includes attendance at SCLT workshops (e.g. Advanced Marketing, Establishing your Farm, and livestock workshops) and participation in farm tours through the Young Famer Night or NOFA/RI CRAFT Workshops. These tours provide a broader understanding of farming situations, not just the unique circumstances of their host farm. Finally, apprentices will make connections with important agencies and businesses that grow their network in the farming community, including USDA staff and extension specialists.

The on-farm program is 6 months long, from approximately April through September. (The specific schedule is set by the host farm.) Some of the required workshops will begin in March. Apprentices receive a stipend of \$702.50 twice per month.

To apply:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with a final date of Thursday, February 22. Selected applicants will be notified by the end of February.

To apply, send the following materials to maggie@southsideclt.org or mail to Maggie Krueger, Southside Community Land Trust, 109 Somerset St. Providence RI 02907.

- Your contact information (name, phone, email, mailing address)
- Resume
- Identify the specific host farm to which you're applying. (More detail on each host farm is listed below.)
- Provide answers to the following questions:
 1. Why are you interested in working at your identified farm this season?
 2. How does this apprenticeship fit into your personal & professional goals now and in the future?
 3. What skills would you like to learn from this experience?
 4. How would a past employer describe you?
 5. How would a co-worker describe you?
 6. What skills/experience do you bring to this position that you think would be beneficial?
 7. Anything else you want to tell us?
 8. Please include 3 work reference email address and phone number. (Please inform references we will be contacting them.)
 9. How did you hear about the SCLT Farm Apprenticeship Program? (Facebook, website, word of mouth, etc)

Host Farms Application Details:

Foggy Notion Farm: Adam Graffunder, Jenna Yu and Nathaniel Wood are growing soil and food on historic farmland surrounded by the beautiful forests of Snake Den State Park in Johnston, RI with only biological and physical inputs. We use innovative growing techniques learned by transforming vacant city lots into productive farms. We farm with small tools ranging from hand trowels and seeders up to a BCS two wheeled tractor for mowing and making beds. We have 5 season extending greenhouses, and will be working on extending our growing season and profit this year through efficient organization of time and labor. We grow a diverse array of vegetables, fruits and flowers for sales to a CSA, farmers markets and restaurants using organic practices and lots of compost. Most importantly, we try to make a minimal impact on our ecosystem and build our soil over time. See <http://www.foggynotionfarm.org> for more info.

Specific responsibilities include: We will provide detailed instructions and lessons on our methods for the following: helping with preparing vegetable beds for sowing or transplanting, watering crops, seeding into seed flats and beds, transplanting plant starts, trellising crops, likely some construction, weeding, hoeing, plant care and maintenance, harvesting, washing and packaging produce, marketing and distribution of produce, helping coordinate volunteers and other temporary farm workers, other farm operations tasks as needed.

Qualifications: Reliable and punctual, the ideal applicant takes an active role in learning the operations of the business and about growing, processing and marketing vegetables. Ability to lift 50lbs on regular basis. Ability to cooperate as part of a crew or keep on task when on an individual task. Good communication skills; takes the initiative to ask questions when something is unclear, asks before altering an assigned task. Willingness to follow instructions. We are particularly interested in applicants interested in continuing to farm after the apprenticeship.