

Eagle Street Rooftop Farm// 2017 Apprenticeship Information Sheet

How do I apply for the apprenticeship program?

Our farm-based apprenticeship program opens for enrollment in March, and begins in April. A second enrollment period begins in June (typically aimed for college students interested in a summer session). All applicants must commit to a three month period, and are able to work with the farm through October 30th. To apply, please:

- Read this information sheet!
- Email Annie@GrowingChefs.org your resume and introductory email. Your resume/intro email should include any relevant experience including (but not limited to) any farming/horticultural background. **TIP:** Identifying your skills and what you're interested in learning more about make a great (succinct) introductory email.
- Applications will be processed and responded to by **April 6th**. You will be asked to complete a quick survey before orientation.
- **NB:** Spring applicants **must** be able to attend the training date listed below.

What skills do I need to apply?

Our farm thrives under the care of passionate, punctual, dedicated individuals with a can-do attitude and experience working outdoors. We work rain or shine from March until November. It helps if you know how to take care of plants, but it matters more that you're a team-builder, strongly self-directed, curious enough to learn quickly, and have good communication skills. Our orientation day should allow you time to meet us and see if you'd thrive working in the hot sun, cold rain and also during perfectly beautiful days with our dedicated staff.

When does the spring program begin?

Orientation is scheduled on **Sunday, April 2nd**. Regularly scheduled work hours are *anticipated* to begin mid-April 2017.

The Farm opens to the public for afternoon hours in May 2017.

Because the apprenticeship program is a *team*, we highly suggest you attend these dates. However, particularly for students with scheduling difficulties, inform us if you are unable to start your spring season on those dates. Our summer and fall applications are rolling; that is to say, as long as there are three months you can commit to before Thanksgiving, we will consider your application.

What is the program schedule?

All applicants commit to three months (minimum). Note that Mondays (9-1) and one market Sunday per

three-month season are *mandatory staff days*. This year's scheduling pattern is TBD as we plan our spring season. However, you can expect a part time schedule similar to the examples provided below:

Annie N.//April

Monday, 9am-1pm Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am-1pm

*plus Sunday May 10th and 17th from 12 - 4

Audrey A.//May

Monday, 9am-1pm Tuesdays and Fridays, 9am-1pm

*plus Sunday May 17 and 24 from 12 - 4

If you cannot commit to this schedule, we suggest you consider our Sunday open hours from 1-4pm (open days are listed at www.RooftopFarms.org) as an excellent way to be involved!

What can I expect to learn?

Our apprenticeship program focuses on best practices in urban farming: organic horticulture and agriculture, compost and fertility management, green roof care, and the opportunity to explore farms in our urban and upstate network. We welcome your questions about the experience, and would direct you to our former apprenticeship staff to inquire about their own background at the Farm. We are happy to provide their contact information upon request, or you can meet them during our open days.

What can I expect to gain from my experience?

We are a staff of passionate professionals, and you'll grow quickly as a green thumb at Eagle Street. Being part of our apprenticeship team also offers the opportunity to learn more about our farm jobs, from education to sales. We are more than happy to provide worthy recommendations and connect you to our vast network of farm and food friends.

Any other questions? Please reach out to Head Farmer Annie Novak (growingchefs@gmail.com) and we'll respond as soon as we can. We look forward to hearing from you!