

Field Assistant

Reports to: Director of Food Access and Education Job Type: Hourly / 40 per week / Monday - Friday

Salary: \$17 per hour

OUR MISSON:

The Chester County Food Bank seeks to create a food secure Chester County. We mobilize our community to ensure access to real, healthy food. Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) is a county wide, non-profit organization located in Exton, PA and has been in existence since 2009. CCFB works with over 160 agency partners to distribute over 3.5 million pounds of food annually Chester County neighbors. Along with the help of dedicated volunteers, we provide healthy food access and educational opportunities through programs like Eat Fresh Cooking Classes, Fresh2You Mobile Market, Fruit and Vegetable Prescription, Culinary Job Training, and Seed to Supper with produce grown by our Agriculture Team.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Field Assistant works with and reports to the Field Manager on day-to-day field operations and greenhouse production at our partner farms in Chester County. The Field Assistant will work collaboratively with the Field Manager to assess needs, meet labor demands, and ensure the successful production of various crops. This position provides an excellent opportunity to deepen knowledge, skills, and experience in diversified vegetable production.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The essential functions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Field labor: planting, weeding, thinning, cultivating, harvesting, washing, packing
- Warehouse labor: washing bins and processing produce as needed
- Greenhouse propagation and maintenance
- Survey fields and greenhouses for pests and disease
- Work with volunteers
- Assist other staff with various projects and work-related errands as needed

EXPERIENCE

- High School diploma or equivalent
- One year of farming or a background in gardening preferred
- Ability to lift 40+ pounds
- Basic Forklift Certification (provided by Food Bank)
- Valid Driver's License
- Reliable personal transportation is required
- Position involves interactions with youth and requires the completion of a child abuse clearance as well as a background check

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages, including health insurance, retirement plans, paid time off, and professional development opportunities.

WORK SCHEDULE: This is an hourly full-time position and is primarily an eight-hour day shift Monday - Friday with weekend work as needed.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Chester County Food Bank considers candidates for all positions on the basis of qualifications and without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, genetic information, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, marital status, or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran or other protected classification and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Chester County Food Bank reserves the right to change this job description as conditions change.

TO APPLY

Send your resume to jobs@chestercountyfoodbank.org. No phone calls, please.

Please note that only qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. Thank you for your interest in joining our organization.