



Food Access Field Manager

Reports to: Director of Food Access and Education

Job Type: Full Time

Salary: \$50,000 annually

OUR MISSION:

The Chester County Food Bank seeks to create a food secure Chester County. We mobilize and educate our community to ensure access to nutritious and familiar 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 to 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 Food Access Team.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Food Access Field Manager works with the Food Access and Education team and reports to the Director of Food Access and Education. This role is responsible for day-to-day field operations, greenhouse production, crop planning and maintenance. This role is the primary liaison with farm partners for growing and gleaning to meet the needs of the food bank. This position will provide supervision and management of the CCFB volunteers and seasonal staff to achieve high levels of productivity, community engagement, and relationship building.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

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

- Responsible for seedling production, crop planning and fulfillment of needs for Food Access programs in collaboration with farm partners and CCFB team members.
- Serve as the key point of contact for partnerships involving MOA's and ensure all aspects of the MOA are executed appropriately.
- Organize and manage volunteer groups of various ages, abilities, and backgrounds to assist with the completion of various field projects with the highest level of safety.
- Provide education and awareness of the role of the food bank and its services for the community.
- Perform physical labor with and without volunteers. This includes bed preparation, planting, weeding, thinning, cultivating, pruning, trellising, harvesting, washing, packing, loading, delivering, and unloading produce, mowing, light construction/facility maintenance.
- Assist and co-manage greenhouse propagation and maintenance.
- Assess water needs and run irrigation systems as needed.
- Survey fields for weekly harvest forecast, identify and manage disease and pests.
- Work as a member of the Food Access and Education team to meet the needs of CCFB.
- Other duties as assigned.

EXPERIENCE

- Minimum two years of vegetable production experience or a combination of bachelor's degree in agriculture and one year of experience.
- Experience in plant propagation and greenhouse management.
- Must possess a working knowledge of vegetable production concepts and ability to comprehend and implement new agricultural concepts and situations.
- Walk-behind tractor and tractor/skid steer experience preferred.
- Misc. mower, trimmer, power equipment experiences preferred.
- Experience and/or ability to drive a cargo van, a truck, and truck with landscaping trailer, as needed.



- Possession of a valid driver's license.
- Ability to pass a pre-employment child abuse background check.
- 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 full-time salaried position and is primarily 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.