



NOFA-VT Farm Share Program

Fall/Winter 2026 Participant Application

Applications accepted: August 1st-31st 2026

The Farm Share Program provides a discount on the purchase of fresh, local foods by subsidizing the cost of CSA shares or farm stand credits.

All applications will be reviewed in September. Submitting an application does not guarantee you will receive funding. You will receive an update regarding your application status by October. If approved, you will receive instructions on how to pay your cost responsibility and arrange the details of your share. In most cases, you will pay the CSA farm directly.

Please note: your responses will only be used for the purpose of this application, and will be kept confidential.

For more information or assistance with the application, please visit <http://nofavt.org/farmshare> or call 802-419-0049.

Applicant Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Are you or anyone in your household currently receiving 3SquaresVT (also sometimes called SNAP or EBT) benefits?

3SquaresVT is a program that provides money each month to help you buy food. You can receive these in ADDITION to your Farm Share.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

I would like to be contacted by a 3SquaresVT specialist who can help me apply (for free!)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Financial Information

How many people are in your household? _____

Please share an estimate of your household income range (pre-tax/payroll deductions): _____

Do you have access to savings, emergency funds, or other means of financial support?

- ☐ I do not have access to savings, emergency funds, or other means of financial support.
- ☐ I have some access to savings, emergency funds, or other means to financial support (e.g., 1-3 months of expenses).
- ☐ I have sufficient access to savings, emergency funds, or other means of financial support (e.g., 3+ months of expenses)

How much of an impact do your financial expenses have on your ability to purchase local food?

Some examples of expenses include childcare, medical, rent/mortgage, utilities, financially supporting non-dependent family members, etc.

- ☐ My expenses prohibit me from purchasing local food.
- ☐ My expenses somewhat impact my ability to purchase local food.
- ☐ My expenses do not impact my ability to purchase local food.

How many other barriers do you experience in accessing local food?

Some examples of barriers include but are not limited to mental or physical health, transportation or geographic location, etc.

- ☐ I face significant barriers that prohibit me from accessing local food.
- ☐ I face some barriers in accessing local food, which makes it difficult for me to eat it often.
- ☐ I face no barriers in accessing local food, and I can often eat it.

Demographic Information

You do not have to answer the following questions if you prefer not to.

How many people in your household are...?

Seniors (65 years or older) _____

Veterans _____

Have a disability _____

How many people in your household identify as...

Black, Indigenous, or People of Color _____

Immigrant, migrant, refugee, or asylee _____

LGBTQ+ _____

How many people in your household have a primary language other than English? _____

What is the primary language in your household? _____

Does anyone in your household identify as survivors of domestic abuse or violence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Housing Information

You do not have to answer the following questions if you prefer not to.

Is anyone in your household a single parent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How many dependents is your household supporting (or expecting to support in the next 6 months)? _____

Is your household composed of individuals under 18 living without parents or guardians?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your household facing housing insecurity or eviction?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there anything else you want us to know about why the Farm Share Program would help your household at this time?

Your choice to share or not share personal circumstances will not impact your eligibility to the program.

How many years have you participated in the Farm Share program? _____

Please describe your Farm Share participation in the last year. Select all that apply

- ☐ I participated in Spring/Summer 2026 Farm Share
- ☐ I was waitlisted for Spring/Summer 2026 Farm Share
- ☐ I participated in Fall/Winter 2025 Farm Share
- ☐ I was waitlisted for Fall/Winter 2025 Farm Share
- ☐ I did not participate in Farm Share in 2026 or 2025

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Program Information

Every CSA is different. Prior to applying to the Farm Share Program, NOFA-VT encourages applicants to visit the farm's website or contact them directly to learn about the specifics of the share, including cost and pick-up, to make sure it meets their needs and expectations. Visit NOFA-VT's CSA Directory to learn more: www.nofavt.org/producers.

1) **What farm** would you like to get a CSA share from? _____

2) **What type of share** would you like to receive: _____

This is the total cost of the share, before the Farm Share Program discount. If you do not know, we can help you figure this out.

3) **What level of assistance** (discount amount) are you requesting? ☐ 25% ☐ 50% ☐ 75%*

**Please note, we may not be able to provide a 75% discount due to limited funding. If not, we may still be able to offer a 50% discount. Discounts can be up to \$350 off at the 50% level, or \$525 off at the 75% level.*

a) **If we cannot offer a 75% discount, would you be able to afford a 50% discounted share?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

4) Access to transportation can be a barrier for folks participating in this program. **Do you foresee needing help picking up your share regularly?** NOFA-VT will help connect you with transportation resources.

☐ Yes, I need help finding a way to get my share.

☐ No, I have access to transportation.

5) **Would you like to receive NOFA-VT's e-newsletter?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

6) Households approved for the NOFA-VT Farm Share Program receive a one-year complimentary NOFA-VT membership. If you do not already have a membership, your complimentary membership will start December 2026. To learn more about NOFA-VT membership and member benefits, visit nofavt.org/membership.

a) If you do not want to be a NOFA-VT member, please check this box ☐

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Participant Agreement

If my application is approved for the Farm Share Program, I agree to the following as a participant.
(Please check all boxes):

- ☐ My household requires financial assistance to purchase a CSA share or farm stand credit.
- ☐ I agree to engage in all program communications and interactions with respect, courtesy, and constructive intent, refraining from discriminatory or hostile language or behavior.
- ☐ I agree to pay the farm my cost responsibility (i.e., the full share cost, less the discount amount I am approved for). Failure to pay my portion of the CSA share cost or set up a payment plan prior to the start of my CSA, OR failure to pick up my CSA share, may result in my share being suspended.
- ☐ I will inform NOFA-VT and my farmer immediately if I need to cancel or change my CSA share.
- ☐ I understand that I am making a commitment to become a member of a CSA farm for the full season, or to follow the farm's policies/timeline for using a farm stand credit.
- ☐ I do not have an outstanding balance at a farm from a previous season.

Please note that failure to abide by the Participant Agreement may impact future program eligibility.

Please submit your application in one of the following ways:

- 1) Mail to: NOFA-VT, P.O. Box 697 Richmond, VT 05477
- 2) Email to: farmshare@nofavt.org