



Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program - Seeds of Hope Farm

Membership Agreement

Farm member - A member of the farm is one who has subscribed to the CSA and receives a weekly or bi-weekly share.

CSA term - The twenty-eight (28)-week CSA term will begin on May 17, 2013 and end on November 22, 2013.

Membership Guidelines

As a member, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will be an active member in the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc. ("CAASTLC") CSA Program - Seeds of Hope Farm ("Seeds of Hope Farm"). Participation includes attendance of the monthly nutrition programming and receipt of the weekly share during prescribed hours of availability.
- Seeds of Hope Farm will act in good faith to provide produce for the duration of the prescribed CSA term, but there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of the weekly shares.
- Education is an integral component of the Seeds of Hope Farm mission and I am invited to attend a monthly nutrition class regularly scheduled from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the CSA term of May 17, 2013 – November 22, 2013. I am welcome to attend this class with up to two additional members of my family to learn about cooking, nutrition, and meal planning, and share a community meal with fresh ingredients produced on the farm. Any additional guests may only attend with prior permission from the farm manager.
- The final CSA dinner will be November 19, 2013 (the third Tuesday of November).
- I am aware that a printed CSA newsletter will be distributed to me each week as part of my share. The newsletter will be a source of information about events hosted at the farm, our CSA classes and other gatherings, and broader gardening opportunities. It will feature nutrition information, recipes and meal plan ideas for seasonal CSA ingredients. I have the option of reading this information online at the Seeds of Hope Farm's blog (<http://seedsofhopefarm.org/>) and may opt out of receiving a paper copy by contacting the farm manager.
- I am responsible for picking up my weekly share. The following options are available to me for picking up my share:
 - a) Shares will be located at the Seeds of Hope farm-site, 1120 Trampe Avenue, each Friday from the hours of 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with the exception that the Bi-weekly shares (**see below for description of Bi-weekly shares**) will be picked up every other Friday. Signs will be set out on the premises to indicate directions on locating and collecting shares.
 - b) If I am unable to pick up my share, I will arrange for someone else to pick up my share. If my share is not collected by each Saturday before 6:00 PM, I understand that CAASTLC will distribute my share to other customers. Collection of a share on a Saturday requires advance arrangement with the farm manager.

c) Alternate places or times for pick up may become available, pending a written agreement with the farm manager.

- Any pre-paying subscriber who joins during the progress of the CSA term will pay a pro-rated amount based on the remaining weeks, **if shares are still available after May 17.**
- Pre-paying for a share means that a subscriber is paying for such share prior to receiving the share.
- Pre-paid shares are an investment in the success of the farm and are non-refundable.
- Subsidized members who fail to pick up their shares will not be required to pay, but are strongly encouraged to remain committed to CSA membership responsibility of purchasing shares each week and participating in the farm events and programming. **I will notify the farm manager in advance if I am not able to pick up my share.**
- Farm Management may cancel membership at any time for disagreeable or unruly behavior, including but not limited to abuse or behavior that farm management views as disruptive to a community atmosphere.

Share Value

A share's value is planned to average, on a weekly basis, local growers' prevailing market value of \$20.00 worth of organically grown produce from our farm. A wide variety of vegetables, herbs, and possibly fruits will be in production to serve the nutritional needs of our community.

Please see the attached brochure for additional explanation of the tiered CSA Sponsorship and Subsidized membership options.

Sponsorship Share

The cost of a sponsorship share is \$28.00 every week of the CSA term.

Sponsorship shares must be pre-paid. In order to make pre-payment more manageable for sponsors, payment can be submitted in one lump sum payment of \$784.00 or in three (3) equal scheduled payments of \$262.00, for a total of \$786.00. Members that choose to pay such shares on an installment basis will incur a "convenience charge" of \$2.00

Membership is secured on a first paid, first secured basis. The first payment secures membership, and is due by Friday, May 17, 2013. The second payment installment is due by Friday, July 19, 2013, and the third is due by Friday, September 20, 2013.

- If a Sponsor decides to terminate CSA membership, there will be no refund. The Sponsor may assign his or her share to someone else. The new Sponsor will be required to agree to the CSA Membership Guidelines by signing a Membership Agreement.
- If Farm Management determines it is necessary to terminate a Sponsorship share, a pro-rated refund will be offered for unclaimed produce until the end of the paid term.

Subsidized Share

The cost of a subsidized share is \$12.00 every week of the CSA term.

Subsidized shares are available for purchase by area residents whose household income is at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. Subsidized shares may be pre-paid or paid one week in advance of picking up shares. Pre-payment for the full CSA term is \$336.00 which can be submitted in one lump sum payment or in three (3) equal scheduled payment installments of \$112.00. The first payment installment is due by Friday, May 17, 2013, the second is due by Friday, August 9, 2013, and the third is due by Friday, September 20, 2013.

For members paying weekly, paying one week in advance can be accomplished by submitting an initial \$12.00 payment one week prior to the first week or by paying \$24.00 the first week and paying \$12.00 thereafter at each pick-up until the next to last week. If not paid one week in advance, the member will not receive a share until one week advance payment has been received.

Bi-weekly Share

A Bi-weekly share is available for either a Sponsorship Share or a Subsidized Share. Bi-weekly share members pick up a share once every other (alternating) week. An "A" week and a "B" week will be assigned to each Bi-weekly share member. Each member will receive a listing of the "A" and "B" week schedule. The schedule will also be posted on our website at <http://seedsofhopefarm.org>. Week "A" will begin on May 17, 2013 and week "B" will begin May 24, 2013.

Sponsorship Bi-weekly Shares

Sponsorship Bi-weekly shares may be paid in one lump sum of \$392.00 or three (3) equal scheduled installments of \$131.00, for a total of \$393.00. For members that choose to pay for such shares on an installment basis, membership is secured on a first paid, first secured basis, with the first payment securing membership and being due by Friday, May 17, 2013. The second payment installment is due by Friday, July 19, 2013, and the third by Friday, September 20, 2013. Members that choose to pay such shares on an installment basis will incur a "convenience charge" of \$1.00.

If a Bi-weekly Sponsor decides to terminate CSA membership, there will be no refund. The Sponsor may assign his or her share to someone else. The new Sponsor will be required to agree to the CSA Membership Guidelines by signing a Membership Agreement.

- If Farm Management determines it necessary to terminate a Sponsorship share, a pro-rated refund will be offered for unclaimed produce until the end of the paid term.

Subsidized Bi-weekly Share

Subsidized Bi-weekly shares may be paid in one lump sum of \$168.00, three (3) equal scheduled installments of \$56.00, or \$12.00 at the time of each pick-up. For members that choose to pay for such shares on an installment basis, the first payment installment is due by Friday, May 17, 2013, the second is due by Friday, July 19, 2013, and the third is due by Friday, September 20, 2013.

Work share

Seeds of Hope Farm offers an opportunity to reduce cost of a weekly share and learn more about farming by working in the fields. Each tier of share prices (Sponsorship, Subsidized, Bi-weekly, and Subsidized Bi-weekly) may be reduced on a weekly basis by \$4.00 as compensation for two (2) hours of field assistance. The maximum share price reduction is \$4.00 per week. Farm assistance must be scheduled in advance with the Farm Manager.

Share Contents

The contents of a share will be the same regardless of the tier of the share (Sponsorship, Subsidized, or Bi-weekly, and Subsidized Bi-weekly.

I am signing up for a: (please check only one)

___ Sponsorship Share (\$784 in full; \$262 in three payments)

___ Sponsorship Bi-weekly Share (\$392 in full; \$131 in three payments)

___ Subsidized Share (\$12 per week and \$12 in advance)

___ Subsidized Bi-weekly Share (\$12 every other week and \$12 in advance)

Preferred place of pick-up:

___ Farm ___ Woodson Rd ___ Bel-Ridge ___ Ferguson Market (Saturdays)

Methods of Payment

Accepted methods of payment are by cash, money order, check, and debit/credit card. Please contact the farm manager about credit, debit, or Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) option.
Make check or money order payable to CAASTLC. DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.

If paying by check or money order, amount enclosed: \$_____.00_____

Waiver and Release

I agree to waive and release CAASTLC and their officials, employees, agents and insurers from any claim, loss or liability for death, personal injury, or loss or damage to personal property arising out of my use of the Seeds of Hope Farm unless arising out of CAASTLC's and/or Owner's intentional wrongful acts. This waiver and release shall be governed by Missouri law.

I affirm my agreement to all of the above terms:

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____s