

## **Arcadia Mobile Market Associate**

### **Organizational Overview**

The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture is a non-profit organization serving the Washington, DC-area. We raise awareness about healthy food and its sources, and establish innovative connections between sustainable local farms and consumers.

Arcadia is committed to increasing access to healthy, local, affordable food. We do this by applying the Food Truck model to Food Access.

Arcadia's Mobile Markets are a retrofitted school bus and box truck that double as farmers' markets on wheels. We take our markets to communities that don't have grocery stores or affordable, readily available farm-fresh food.

By growing much of the produce ourselves at Arcadia Farm, we can offer affordable prices. By accepting SNAP/EBT (formerly known as "Food Stamps"), WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers – and by doubling the value of these benefits through a "Bonus Bucks" program – we are increasing food assistance redemption for healthier, unprocessed foods. And by making Mobile Market stops in the communities where SNAP/EBT, WIC and Senior FMNP beneficiaries live and work, we are able to effectively reach DC and Virginia residents who are in need of affordable food.

***We are looking for Mobile Market Associates to help operate our markets for the 2017 season.***

You will be the right candidate if you are able to combine a passion for building a strong, local and sustainable food system with the practical skills and experience listed below.

### **Job Description**

Arcadia is hiring a seasonal Mobile Market Associate. The job will entail working with other Arcadia staff to prepare for and operate the market stops. Duties include the following:

- Setting-up and breaking down the market (i.e. tables, tents, shelves, etc.)
- Conducting transactions, handling payments, and recordkeeping
- Restocking products and maintaining the market's appearance
- Building rapport and mutual respect with our customers
- Working as a team with Market Manager, other Market Associates, and volunteers

### **Qualifications**

- Knowledge of and a passion for local and sustainable food, food access, and public health
- Reside in or around Washington, DC with reliable access to transportation
- Ability to cheerfully work long days, potentially beginning early or ending late
- Ability to lift 50lbs
- Punctual and reliable
- Customer oriented with experience in a retail setting
- Experience working in the food industry (farming, restaurant, grocery, etc.) preferred, but not required
- Community and team oriented
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

- Professional in demeanor, highly organized, and accountable
- Ability to perform in a fast-paced environment with competing demands
- Spanish fluency a plus but not required.

The Mobile Market headquarters is accessible by Metro and Bus in Northeast DC. The Associate will be required to either meet at Mobile Market headquarters, or meet the Market team at the Market locations as needed and agreed to upon by Director.

Ideal candidates would be familiar with or local to our Market locations in Wards 1,2,5,7,& 8.

Ward 1: Ledroit Park

Ward 2: Chinatown

Ward 5: Perry Street Prep, Children's National Medical Center, Edgewood Commons

Ward 7: Parkside Unity Clinic, Deanwood Recreation Center

Ward 8: Barry Farm Recreation Center, Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center, Bellevue Library, Overlook at Oxon Run, United Medical Center, Hendley Elementary School

### **Hours**

The Mobile Market Associate position is a seasonal position that starts immediately and runs through November 2017. Preference given to applicants able to commit to all or most of the season.

The Mobile Market Associate will work up to 30 hours a week.

Mobile Market stops are Tuesday through Saturday. Once hired, the Mobile Market Associate will coordinate with the Mobile Market Director to establish a regular work schedule that optimizes everybody's availability and the market's staffing needs.

### **Compensation**

The Mobile Market Associate will be paid \$12.50/hour.

### **To Apply**

Please e-mail your resume, cover letter and any questions to Jeremy Mauck, Mobile Market Director, at [Jeremy@Arcadiafood.org](mailto:Jeremy@Arcadiafood.org).

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Applications reviewed on rolling basis until positions are filled.