



Sourcing Driver

Help bring local, affordable, fresh food to food insecure neighborhoods across DC!

Organizational Overview

Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington DC region. The Mobile Market is one of Arcadia's four distinct program areas that address a specific need in the community, while collectively engaging consumers, farmers, schools, and institutions.

Arcadia's Mobile Market operates as a retrofitted school bus and box truck that double as farmers' markets on wheels. The Mobile Market serves neighborhoods across DC with high levels of food-insecurity, particularly Wards 7 & 8.

Our goals:

1. To make fresh, high-quality, local food convenient, affordable and consistently available for all DC residents
2. To support a shift in consumers *investing* in the food they eat by doubling the purchasing power of food assistance benefits spent at market (SNAP, WIC, Senior FMNP)
3. To create opportunity for local farmers to expand their reach to more DC residents

We have partnered with the Bainum Foundation to develop aggregation and distribution capabilities for food grown at Bainum Foundation Farm, Arcadia Farm, and other farms in the Washington, DC area. This food will support Arcadia's Mobile Market, as well as a number of other programs operating in Washington, D.C.'s Wards 7 & 8.

Responsibilities

The Sourcing Driver will work closely with Arcadia's Mobile Market Director and Operations Manager to plan and implement strategies around farm sourcing and delivery. The Sourcing Driver must possess and practice excellent driving, communication, organization and strategic problem-solving skills to successfully carry out the role. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate schedule with Mobile Market Director, Community Foodworks and farmers
- Operate refrigerated box truck to pick up food from area farms
- Ensure the stability and safe handling of food from pickup to delivery
- Follow required food safety protocols during transport, at the headquarters and in regular handling of the product
- Drive cautiously, defensively, and safely at all times
- Delivery twice per week to Mobile Market Headquarters
- Delivery once per week to Community Foodworks
- Deliver as needed to Mobile Market sites and other partner locations across Washington, D.C.
- Assist in packing produce in proper volumes for storage at MM Headquarters
- Assist in assessing food quality before and during packing, and work with the Mobile Market Director to provide feedback to farmers
- Monitor operational needs of vehicle (gas, oil, windshield-wiper fluid) and schedule maintenance, communicate needs to Director
- Maintain cleanliness of vehicle
- Perform other related duties as required

Necessary Qualifications

- Excellent geographic knowledge of and experience driving in Washington, DC
- Experience operating a box truck or willingness to be trained
- Valid driver's license with clean driving record
- Ability to lift 50 lbs regularly
- Understanding of food inequity in DC and a passion for community-centered food access
- Experience working in the food industry (farming, restaurant, grocery, etc.)
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills (Prompt and clear communication in all forms)
- Skilled at taking initiative and self-management
- Professional in demeanor, highly organized and reliable
- Skilled at strategic problem-solving
- Ability to perform in a fast-paced environment with competing demands
- Ability to pass a background check and drug test
- Reliable transportation to Mobile Market headquarters (1800 Perry St NE, Washington, DC 20018)

Hours & Compensation

- Start Date April 30, 2018
- Sourcing Driver's schedule will align with delivery days/times, Monday through Friday. Once hired, the Driver will coordinate with the Mobile Market Director to establish a regular work schedule that optimizes availability and program needs.
- Full Time, Hourly Position, \$16/hour
- Seasonal Position, May-November 2018
- Ready access to local, farm fresh food all season long!

Reports to: Mobile Market Director

Apply

Please email your resume, cover letter and status of Driver License to Erin Close, Mobile Market Director, at erin@arcadiafood.org. Contact with any questions.

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