

Beech Hill Farm

Share the Harvest Program

Share the Harvest is a farm based food access program that aims to ensure that fresh, local, and organic produce be more accessible to low income residents of the Mount Desert Island community. We are a collaboration between College of the Atlantic students and farmers at Beech Hill Farm, working as liaisons between low income residents, summer workers, and local food, ensuring access to the space, knowledge, and the resources that it takes to sustain an equitable food system. To benefit from our program, you must meet a certain income guideline and either be a summer worker or permanent resident in Hancock County.

About the Application Process:

- Applications for this season will be received from the Bar Harbor Food Pantry, several housing complexes around the island, online, by mail, or by phone call. The deadline for applying is May 28th. Services will be given on a first come, first serve basis. We are truly sorry that we may not be able to provide services to everyone who applies. In mid-June, we will let you know by mail, email, or phone call that you have been accepted into our programs.

At Share The Harvest we encourage people to have agency in their food security, so please select a voucher size that feels right for you and be conscious that this program is being shared amongst many members of the community. As Share the Harvest expands, we want to offer people the option of deciding how much they would like on the voucher. We will treat each individual with care, dignity, and confidentiality and are committed to protecting your privacy.

Services:

- **Farm Stand Voucher Program:** Receive a voucher to purchase products at the Beech Hill Farm stand. This voucher can be redeemed at any time throughout the season (June-October, Tuesday-Saturday 9am to 4pm) to purchase produce and food products from other local vendors.
- **Bar Harbor Farmers Market Voucher Program:** Receive a voucher to purchase products at the Eden Farmers Market in the Bar Harbor. The market is in the YMCA parking lot on Sundays from 9am-12pm. This

voucher can be redeemed at any time from June-October, and can be used to purchase food products and produce from many different market vendors.

→ **Harvest Delivery:** This option is specifically designed for community members who are unable to transport themselves to the farm stand. During the season you will receive three deliveries of fresh, local, organic produce from Beech Hill Farm (two during the summer and one during the fall). We will contact you to give you the schedule for these deliveries once the season has begun. This program only serves Mount Desert Island residents due to our limited capacity at this time.

→ **MDI Food Access Project's Good Food Box:** This is a **new delivery option** in 2022 as Share the Harvest has joined the MDIFAP! By signing up for The Good Food Box, you will receive a weekly delivery of prepared meals, pantry items, and fresh produce at no cost. You will begin receiving deliveries in July as part of the summer session. If you would like this option, please see more info and apply at: www.opentablemdi.org/mdi-food-access-project/.

Bonus Service: We accept cash, cards, WIC, FMNP vouchers, and EBT at the Beech Hill Farmstand. When you use these benefits we will double your dollar (ex. If you are charged \$20, you only pay \$10!) and you will also receive Maine Harvest Bucks which you can use on future purchases of fruits and vegetables at Beech Hill Farmstand.

Applications can be mailed to: 171 Beech Hill Road, Mt. Desert, ME 04660.

You can also fill out an application online at:

www.coa.edu/farms/beech-hill-farm/share-the-harvest/

For More Information: Email us at sharetheharvest@coa.edu or call us at 207-801-0135.

2022 Application

Name:

Address/City/State: (Please include your apartment number if you have one.)

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

What is your preferred method of contact?

- Phone Call Text Message Email Mail

What is your age? _____

What is your gender? _____

Are you a year-round resident of Hancock County?

- Yes No

If no, are you a summer worker?

- No Yes (Where? _____)

How many people live in your household (including yourself)? _____

Check if someone in your household is:

- A child under the age of 18 (how many: _____) Age 60 or older
 Has a disability that limits ability to work/drive Unemployed

Do you currently receive Food Supplement (SNAP/WIC) benefits?

- Yes No

Would you like to participate in a survey about the program at the end of the season?

- Yes No

Would you like a welcome packet with information on veggie seasonality, recipes, directions to Beech Hill Farm, and other food access local initiatives?

- Yes (by email) Yes (by mail) No

Which program would you like to apply for? Choose **ONE** of the following options:

Farm Stand Voucher Program – please list names of any family member/friend you would like to share it with:

Farmers Market Voucher Program – please list names of any family member/friend you would like to share it with:

Harvest Delivery – please list any allergies or medical conditions we should be aware of (*For example, arthritis makes it hard to chop tough vegetables, such as squash, beets, etc.*):

- Please check this box if you are interested in receiving **one additional** harvest box this season.

If you are applying for either of our voucher programs, please indicate how large of a voucher would be most practical for you and your household:

- Light (\$75) Medium (\$95)
 Large (\$115) Extra-large (\$135)

I will apply for the Good Food Box to start receiving deliveries in July. You can find the application at <https://www.opentablemdi.org/mdi-food-access-project/>.