



The **Greater Lansing Food Bank** is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties. Food is distributed through an extensive network of food pantries and community kitchens located throughout the region. The Food Bank annually serves tens of thousands of people, many of them seniors and children. Our recipients also include the “working poor,” those individuals who are employed but don’t earn enough to meet housing, health, transportation and food needs.

Lansing Roots, a new program under the Greater Lansing Food Bank, is designed to help limited resource and/or historically under-served individuals from the greater Lansing area begin successful market gardening and farming enterprises through an incubator farm setting. Participants of Lansing Roots receive a small plot of land to start their own farms and are provided workshops focused around practical skills in agriculture and business and a collaborative network through which to market and sell the food produced.

Position Title: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program Assistant

Number of students that are currently being accepted: 2-3

Hour many hours per week a person can volunteer: 10-20

Day and times in which you can volunteer: Week days; Wednesdays required, flexibility with other days

Deadline to apply: Positions are expected to be filled by May 2014, however applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Responsibilities: The Lansing Roots Program is a family farmer education initiative with a farm in Mason. Our marketing collaborative serves a number of small local produce growers with a CSA that allows subscribers to purchase a weekly share of the harvest. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program Assistants will work with the Lansing Roots Marketing Coordinator and staff on CSA operations including marketing, communications, and logistics. Duties are varied and may include but are not limited to: assisting the team on weekly packing and distribution days (Wednesday), assisting with production or harvesting as needed, assisting farmers with diversified backgrounds with vegetable production, communications and marketing, deliveries, distribution site supervision, system developments for future seasons.

Qualifications: Interest and ability in marketing and sales. Knowledge of farming or gardening helpful. Ability to work with a diverse range of people of various social, cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining a positive attitude. Interest in community-embedded development work.

Transportation/Location information: Our farm is located just north of Mason at 1084 S. Hagadorn Rd, Mason, MI 48854. A vehicle is encouraged for transportation to the location.

To apply please send resume and cover letter to:

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