

**Position Title:** Food Access & Gleaning Intern- Vermont Foodbank

**Position Type:** Part time, stipend-\$3,000

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**Schedule:** Schedule: 10-15 hours per week. 3-4 days/week. Schedule to include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. Aprox. 8am – 3 pm, depending on the day.

**Length of Internship:** Approximately June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15, 2022 (flexible)

**Location:** Chittenden County

**Description:** Primary responsibility involves assisting and helping the Associate Manager of Community Engagement with fresh food donations and distributions through the Vermont Foodbank's Gleaning Program. This position would travel daily to farms or food shelves primarily within Chittenden County. Primary responsibilities involve assisting with gleaning activities and distributing food at partnering food shelves. This position will also support culturally responsive home-delivery program by directly delivering shares to households in Chittenden County.

Gleaning is the act of harvesting and gathering surplus or "seconds" from farms. *The mission of the Vermont Foodbank is to gather and share quality food and nurture partnerships so that no Vermonter will go hungry.* The Gleaning Program is a key part of this mission. Through gleaning we are able to collect fresh and nutritious food that might otherwise go to waste. It gets delivered to food shelves, meal sights, and senior centers throughout Vermont.

**Essential Functions and Responsibilities:**

- Work cooperatively with staff and volunteers to support the mission of the Vermont Foodbank, and meet and sustain Foodbank goals.
- Assist the Associate Manager of Community Engagement and Community Engagement and Distribution Coordinator with the gleaning/harvesting of produce on farms and fresh food distribution to community partners in the Chittenden County region.
- This position requires work outside in all types of weather conditions including lifting, bending, pushing and pulling.
- Support culturally responsive home-delivery program by directly delivering shares to households in Chittenden County.
- Knowledge of and experience with issues related to hunger, poverty, and nutrition preferred
- Adhere to all safety issues affecting the movement and handling of food.

**Skills and Abilities:**

- Interest in community-based gleaning, food systems, and agriculture
- Must be able to lift 40-60 pounds.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team and communicate effectively with diverse

groups of people and work in partnership with other staff.

- The individual must understand and agree with the vision and mission of the Vermont Foodbank and be committed to providing services to people facing situations of hunger and poverty.

**Other Requirements:**

Intern would be required to provide their own computer, email, and cell phone for communication. Intern would be required to provide own vehicle for travel to community partners, farms and CSA recipient households. Interns should come to gleaning with curiosity, questions and a positive outlook!

**About the Vermont Foodbank:** *The Vermont Foodbank is the state's largest hunger-relief organization, serving Vermont through a network of food shelves, meal sites, and youth programs. In FY2015, the Vermont Foodbank distributed 10 million pounds of food to 153,100 Vermonters. The Vermont Foodbank, a member of Feeding America, is nationally recognized as one of the most effective and efficient nonprofits and food banks in the nation. Learn more at [www.vtfoodbank.org](http://www.vtfoodbank.org)*