

BONUS BUCKS IS BACK FOR THE SEASON!

Stretch your food dollars, support your local farmer and take advantage of the great local food we have right here in St. Lawrence County. It's a win, win for everyone! GardenShare's Bonus Bucks program, offers a cost sharing arrangement with income eligible St. Lawrence County residents to purchase either a Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) Share, or for purchases at any of the following five St. Lawrence County Farmers Markets: Canton, Potsdam, Massena, Gouverneur or Hammond.

How It Works

- 1) Determine if you meet the income criteria on attached application and if so,
- 2) Chose one of the following Bonus Bucks options:

Option 1: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share

Through this option, you can work with one of the local growers (on back of this page) to pre-purchase a "Share" for the growing season. In essence, you become an investor in the farm and in exchange, you are guaranteed a return in produce at regular intervals throughout the season. Every farmer has slightly different arrangements with their "investors" so it is important for you to connect directly with the farmer in advance to determine which arrangement will work best for you. If you chose a CSA, GardenShare will match your costs, up to a maximum of \$250. For example, if you chose a share that costs \$350, we will match half of that cost. You pay \$175 and we pay \$175. If you chose a share that costs \$550, you pay \$300 and we pay \$250. You may be able to pay for your SHARE with SNAP benefits, but will require arrangements in advance, and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Option 2: St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Purchases

Purchase up to 25 Bonus Bucks Farmers Market cards worth \$10 each directly from GardenShare and we will match your costs up to \$250. For example, if you purchase 10 cards (worth \$100), you pay \$50 and we pay \$50. If you purchased 50 cards (worth \$500), you pay \$250 and we pay \$250. Those cards are then yours to be exchanged at any of the 5 St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Managers tables for Bonus Buck tokens that can be used as cash at the market for any SNAP eligible items. The tokens do not expire. This option is NOT available to SNAP recipients as there are other farmers market incentive programs we sponsor specifically for families receiving SNAP.

- 3) Once you have made your choice and decided what you wish to spend, fill out GardenShare's Bonus Bucks application and submit payment. All information must be provided as requested in order for your application to be considered.
- 4) Once application and payment is received by GardenShare, we will review and contact you to finalize the process.
- 5) Enjoy the amazing local food St. Lawrence County has to offer and help build a strong local food system!

Bonus Bucks will be available until funds are exhausted. Bonus Bucks is made possible through the generous support of the following organizations: Allen Foundation, St. Lawrence University Kappa Delta Sigma Sorority, America's Farmers Grow Communities Award, Stewart's Shops, Nature's Storehouse and Canton's Middle School Green Team, as well as through donations from GardenShare supporters.

FARM – CSA 2019 LIST	PICK UP LOCATIONS	SEASON/PRODUCTS	COST
Birdsfoot Farm, Canton	At farm (near Canton),	18 Weeks, June- Oct.	Single or Couple: \$400
315-388-4852	also in Canton, Potsdam	Student, late Aug-Dec. 12	Family Share: \$780
birdsfoot@gmail.com		Winter Shares start Oct.24	Student Shares: \$290
birdsfootfarm.weebly.com		Vegetables, herbs, flowers	Plus other options available
Kent Family Growers, Libson	Canton, Potsdam,	Summer produce:	Basic: \$400
315-212-7502	Madrid	June-Nov:Vegetables,	Full: \$600
kentfamilygrowers@hotmail.com		herbs, berries, melons,	Winter: Small \$405,
		cider	Medium \$450 and
		Winter Share: Nov-March	Large \$495
		Certified organic	
Whitten Family Farm, Winthrop	On farm in Winthrop,	18 weeks: June- Oct.	Full: \$375
315-328-5559	Potsdam, Massena,	Vegetables, melons,	Half: \$215
WhittenFamilyFarm@gmail.com	Tupper Lake	berries	Fall Veggie:\$60(2 people)
www.whittenfamilyfarm.com		Fall: ends Thanksgiving	Meat: Basic(40lbs) \$200
		NOFA-NY Farmers	Prime(30lbs) \$210
		Pledge	
8 O'clock Ranch, DeKalb Jct	Potsdam, Canton,	Year round service of	Small share (25+ servings):
315-347-4352	Madrid, Pick-up and	beef, pork, lamb, chicken,	\$95/per month
info@8oclockranch.com	delivery	turkey, duck, eggs, and	Large share (50+servings):
		maple products.	\$175/per month
Fullers Farm, Canton	Delivery available in in	Minimum of 18 weeks	Full Share: \$525
315-379-1412	Potsdam and Canton. On	starting at the end of June	
fullersfarm@gmail.com	farm pick up flexible as	through last week of	Partial Share: \$350
	needed	October. Vegetables,	
		Herbs, and honey grown	Senior citizen (or single
		without the use of	share): \$275
		synthetic pesticides.	
littleGrasse Foodworks, Canton	At farm (1 mile from	Share 1: Greens and	Share 1: \$210 per adult in
315-854-5395	downtown Canton)	beyond- you pick. 18 wks	the household
littlegrasse@gmail.com		Share 2: Fresh, Fall. 8 wks	Share 2: \$204 per adult
littleGrasse.com		Share 3: Homestead Bulk	Share 3: \$348
Irish Hill Farm, Oswegatchie	Oswegatchie, Star Lake,	16-week shares. Beans,	Half Share: \$320
315-848-7414	Wanakena, Newton	lettuce, corn and various	
pdarling677@hotmail.com	Falls, Cranberry Lake,	other vegetables. Fruits	Full Share: \$480
	and Harrisville.	and melons.	

For more information reach us at $\underline{info@gardenshare.org}$ or 315-261-8054

GARDENSHARE BONUS BUCKS APPLICATION - 2019

Fill out completely and return to GardenShare, PO Box 516, Canton, NY 13617

I qualify for Bonus Bucks because the total income of my household is at/below the levels listed in the chart: (limit one per household per year)	No. People in Household (Annual Income (250% of poverty threshold)	
Number of people in household: Household Income: Their Ages: (This information is required by our funders) Signed:	4 5	\$30,150 \$40,600 \$51,050 \$61,500 \$71, 950 nal person \$10,450)	
CHOOSE CSA Share Name of CSA Farm (from list above):	AN OPTION Farmers Market	Purchase Card	
Total Cost of CSA Share: \$ Minus Bonus Bucks (Half your share) \$ Amount you pay the CSA Farm \$ (Check made payable to CSA Farm)	Number of Cards requested: Total cost of cards(\$10/each Minus Bonus Bucks (half the Amount you pay to GardenS (Check made payable to Garde):	
Print your name:			