

# BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY FARM

## Apprenticeship 2012

**Thank you for your interest in our 2012 Apprenticeship!** Brookwood Community Farm is a 5-acre non-profit community farm that grows organic vegetables and flowers in Milton, MA. We run a 200-member CSA, attend two weekly farmer's markets, donate produce to local food pantries and host on farm volunteer and educational programs. For more information about the farm and our mission, please visit <http://www.brookwoodcommunityfarm.org>

### **About the Apprenticeship**

In 2012, our farm apprenticeship will run from April 2 – November 4<sup>th</sup>. The work schedule is usually Tuesday through Saturday with summer hours typically 7am – 5pm with a break for lunch. Longer days during the growing season are possible.

Through hands-on participation in farm tasks, apprentices will be exposed to all aspects of operating a small, diversified farm with an emphasis on enhancing soil health and using organic methods to control weeds and pests. Working closely with the farm managers, apprentices will participate in greenhouse work, fieldwork, planting, cultivation, harvesting, distributing and marketing produce, and working directly with CSA members, community volunteers, and youth. Apprentices will learn basic tractor skills. Through frequent check-ins with farm staff, apprentices will have the opportunity to discuss farm management practices and assume additional responsibilities according to their interests.

Apprentices are encouraged to participate in regular CRAFT (Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training) gatherings. These events offer experienced and novice farmers opportunities to exchange knowledge and compare growing practices. For more information about CRAFT, visit <http://www.emasscraft.org/>

Additionally, NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) holds frequent workshops and an annual summer farmer's conference that we encourage apprentices to attend. Please visit <http://www.nofamass.org/> for more information.

### **Qualifications**

Previous farming experience is not required but is helpful. We seek individuals that have a strong interest in agriculture, are willing to work hard, are eager to learn, and are open-minded, reliable, responsible, and have a good sense of humor. Enthusiasm for food justice, eating and cooking, and working with volunteers and youth are a plus. You must be able to clearly follow directions, not be afraid to ask questions, be able to work and communicate well with others, be in good physical condition, and be able to lift 50 lbs.

### **Compensation**

Apprentices receive \$400 per week, ample produce from the farm, and discounts on off-farm products such as eggs and fruit. There will be one paid vacation week throughout the season.

### **Housing**

There is no housing available on the farm, but we may be able provide assistance in finding accommodations.

### **To Apply**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and two references to Jason McCartney, Farm Manager, or Judy Lieberman at [brookwoodfarmer@gmail.com](mailto:brookwoodfarmer@gmail.com) Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until filled so please send in your application ASAP. Please contact us if you have any questions.