Farmer Foodshare seeks volunteer “Food Ambassadors”

Farmer Foodshare is a nonprofit organization connecting people who grow food with people who need food, while building healthy community food systems and enhancing community economic development.

The goal of Farmer Foodshare’s Food Ambassadors Program is to provide fresh food education to elementary school children who are receiving fresh, local produce through Farmer Foodshare’s partnership with the public school system. Volunteers will sign up to participate in fresh food taste tests that take place in elementary school cafeterias. Tasks include distributing food samples, providing basic educational information, building enthusiasm, distributing prizes, and gathering feedback from kids in the cafeteria. Volunteers are responsible for creating a lively and engaging atmosphere to encourage participation in the taste tests.

Responsibilities:

- Assist Farmer Foodshare/school cafeteria staff with taste test set up
- Create an engaging environment for children to learn about and taste samples of fresh, local produce
- Build enthusiasm about local food so that kids learn about where the food is coming from and are excited about trying something new
- Hand out prizes to kids who have participated in the taste test
- Gather feedback from kids to find out whether they liked the daily sample
- Communicate and collaborate with Farmer Foodshare staff and cafeteria managers/workers

Desired skills and qualities:

- Positive and upbeat personality
- Ability to communicate and engage with diverse members and partners, including children, teachers, and staff of different organizations
- Knowledge of or strong personal interest in nutrition, public health, and sustainable local food systems
- Ability to multi-task
- Valid driver’s license and personal transportation
Training and time commitment:

- Training is provided “on the job” – no prior training is necessary to sign up to volunteer
- Volunteer shifts are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am – 1pm
- You can sign up for as many shifts as you like but must be available to stay for the entire three-hour shift