

Farmers' Market Coordinator

About MRC and New Leaf Agriculture

Multicultural Refugee Coalition (MRC) is an innovative nonprofit organization employing refugees in fair-wage, dignified work. MRC operates a textile manufacturing social enterprise and a 20-acre certified organic commercial farm as well as offering skills development for refugees.

MRC's New Leaf Agriculture program trains and employs refugee farmers from traditional farming cultures in dignified work that reconnects them to the earth in their new communities. The program is based on a 20-acre commercial farm outside of Austin where the farmers learn about Central Texas agriculture methods while using organic and regenerative practices.

Refugee farmers earn an income contributing to collective farm projects. The team grows for local farmers' markets, restaurants, and families through a weekly Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Additionally, New Leaf Agriculture provides growing space through a "Traditional Provisions" program. This is a community garden-style program through which refugees grow culturally appropriate crops for their own communities, receiving a stipend for their efforts.

Position

The Farmers' Market Coordinator will work alongside a New Leaf refugee farmer to manage New Leaf Agriculture's farmers' market presence. The ideal candidate will be passionate about the local food economy, detail-oriented, responsible, punctual, outgoing and a strong communicator who will represent MRC's brand to the community.

Schedule: Sundays during 7:00am-3:00pm, or otherwise noted by New Leaf Farm Director. **The start date for this position is May 16th, 2022.**

The farm address is 17312 Littig Rd., Elgin TX 78621 and the farmers' market is at Mueller 2006 Philomena St. Austin, TX 78723.

Compensation

- Compensation is \$16 per hour for approximately 8 hours/week. This position does not accrue benefits.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Set up and work at the New Leaf farmers' market booth at the Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller on Sundays

- Drive to the New Leaf Farm (17312 Littig Rd., Elgin TX 78621) to pick up farmers' market supplies before heading to the market and return those supplies to the farm after the market using the farm van
- Pick up a team member to work at the market and drop them at home afterward using your personal car (mileage reimbursement provided)
- Perform all farmers' market activities including but not limited to setting up the tables, performing sales, assisting customers, weighing produce and collecting money
- Enthusiastically share about MRC's nonprofit programs with customers and talk about the regenerative farming methods used at the farm
- Feed chickens and gather eggs from the chickens in the morning at the farm

Qualifications

- Able to drive our 10-passenger farm van
- Have great people skills
- Responsible and on time
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds, the position requires frequent loading and unloading of coolers and produce
- Friendly, outgoing, respectful and enjoy working with people from other cultures
- Some sales and farming experience and a love of the local food economy are a plus

How to Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter with two professional references to Farm Director Matt Simon at msimon@mrcaustin.org. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Final candidates will need to complete a background check. We ask applicants to be open to discussing any findings with us as we may have questions.