

Old Town Farmers' Market Seeks an SNAP/EBT Outreach and Food Demo Volunteer/Intern

Background Information:

Would you like to learn about local food systems while helping to provide access to locally grown, fresh, healthy food to low-income community members? Volunteer with Alexandria Old Town Farmers' Market as our EBT Coordinator!

The City of Alexandria, Department of General Services is seeking a highly motivated individual to serve as SNAP/EBT Outreach and Food Demo Volunteer or Intern performing community outreach and food demos for the Old Town Farmers' Market at the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS). This unpaid volunteer/intern position will promote the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program and the Double Dollar Program at the Old Town Farmers' Market (located at Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA).

The EBT program will allow individuals to utilize their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly known as food stamps, at the market to purchase eligible items including fresh fruits and vegetables.

Position Description:

This is an unpaid, part-time position, which requires about 3 hours of work on the first and last week of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at DCHS (a total of 6-8 hours per month).

Responsibilities:

- Staff the information booth regarding the Old Town Farmers' Market SNAP/EBT program at DCHS.
- Explain the Old Town Farmers' Market SNAP/EBT and Double program to SNAP recipients visiting DCHS, which includes handing out promotional material and explaining the token exchange process, guidelines and requirements for the implementation of the SNAP program the Double Dollar program.
- Assist in setting up the information booth table and signs.
- Assist with preparing and cooking for food demos at DCHS.

Requirements:

- Friendly and outgoing;

- Strong customer service skills and experience; Ability to work in an environment requiring flexibility, responsiveness, and multi-tasking; An interest and passion in farmers markets, local economic development, and place-making;
- Fluency in Spanish is a plus.

Work Schedule:

Staff the booth the one day during the first and last week of the month at DCHS from 10:00 am to 1 pm as well as help with food demos at the facility. Interested applicants should be willing commit to a regular schedule of 6 months with the possibility of an extension.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should email a brief resume to:

Email: Sara.Rhoades@alexandriava.gov