



Food Education & Action Fellow with Aquidneck Community Table 2024

Are you passionate about creating a vibrant local food system? Do you believe everyone should have access to fresh food? Do you love attending farmers markets? Do you believe in the power of gardens to inspire joy, cultivate curiosity, and build connections between food, nature, community, and culture? If you answered YES to these questions, we invite you to apply to join our team! Aquidneck Community Table (ACT) seeks an energetic individual to support multiple food-focused programs including community gardens, farmers markets, and garden-education programs.

About Us

Aquidneck Community Table (ACT) is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to growing a healthy local food system, accessible to all on our island. We work in many ways to build an equitable food system on Aquidneck Island (in the towns of Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth) through the distribution of fresh foods at our farmers markets, education in school and community gardens, and programs that inspire young people to love healthy foods. ACT brings together partners in our community to collectively build a better food future, generating events and discussion to explore solutions that strengthen the island's food system, support the local economy, and expand access to fresh food for everyone. Learn more about our work at aquidneckcommunitytable.org

Position Type: Part-time/Seasonal. Start date is May 1, through fall, 2024, with potential for this position to continue and evolve with ACT's growing capacity.

Pay Type: Hourly, \$20/hour

Hours: Flexible/Part-time hours

How to apply: Email resume, cover letter, and availability to applications@aquidneckcommunitytable.org with the subject line, "Food Education & Action Fellow."

Position Description

The Food Education & Action Fellow is a part-time, seasonal position with hours dependent on season and the candidate's availability, with room for growth. The Food Education & Action Fellow supports garden care, farmers markets, and educational programming. The Food Education & Action Fellow also supports general non-profit operations, fundraising, and outreach.

ACT's educational programs include the Pell Elementary School Garden Program, the Food Explorers Program at our Aquidneck Growers Markets, the Root Riders Summer Youth Program, and the Great Friends Community Garden Kids Program. ACT operates three summer farmers markets (May-October) and one indoor winter farmers market (November-April). Our markets feature dozens of vendors offering an array of local foods and beverages, and hand-crafted goods. ACT manages six school and community

gardens in Newport and a community farm in Middletown. Please visit [our website to learn more about our mission.](#)

Primary Responsibilities

- Works in partnership with the ACT program manager to lead youth in hands-on lessons in school and community gardens
- Leads small groups in activities to demonstrate the role of gardens in increasing access to nourishing foods, protecting our environment, and building healthier communities
- Teaches students about the life cycle of plants and their role in the ecosystem, inspiring curiosity and interest in fresh, nutritious foods
- Works with the ACT market manager to staff farmers market, assist with the [SNAP](#) program, data collection, and other market tasks

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with young people of all ages
- Experience in organic gardening and/or farming
- Experience working independently, and also within a team
- Experience in outdoor classroom management and garden-based education
- Strong interpersonal skills that reflect cultural sensitivity and respect; deep listening skills; and an ability to communicate clearly
- Bilingual in English and Spanish would be a big plus

Desired Qualifications

- Reliable and flexible
- Detail-oriented
- Self-motivated with a collaborative spirit
- A problem-solver with a can-do attitude
- Someone who enjoys meeting new people and loves working with kids
- Passionate about food, building a better Aquidneck Island food system, and ACT's mission

Working Conditions/ Physical Needs

- Ability to lift 40lbs
- Able to work outside in all weather conditions
- A valid driver's license with access to reliable transportation for moving equipment

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