

Apply by May 20th for:

Solidarity Farmshares: A New, Free program

Forty North Quabbin households will receive over \$100 of farm fresh veggies plus a container garden kit and recipes!

Please read this page fully, then complete the application, next page.

What is this program?

Solidarity Farmshares is a new program of Seeds of Solidarity Farm and Education Center in Orange MA. This opportunity is for low to moderate income households in the North Quabbin, funded through a grant.* It provides 40 households with \$100 in “veggie bucks” coupons to use at the Seeds of Solidarity farmstand at 165 Chestnut Hill Road in Orange, from June through November, at your convenience. Seeds of Solidarity specializes in tasty, organic salad and cooking greens, plus other vegetables. Each household will also receive a container garden kit, recipe booklet, shopping bag, and at the end of program in late fall, an abundant bag of fall veggies and other harvest items.

How does it work?

Fill out and submit the application by May 20th (you must meet the income guidelines, chart next page). We can accept 40 North Quabbin households. We will notify you by May 27th of acceptance.

You must also be able to stop by during one of two program welcome dates at Seeds of Solidarity. Thursday June 9th between 1-4PM OR Saturday June 11 between 2-5PM.

At the program welcome you will receive a booklet of “veggie bucks” for the first portion (valued at \$50) that you can use to redeem at the Seeds of Solidarity Farmstand at your convenience.

You will also make and take a container garden kit at the program welcome, and meet the Seeds of Solidarity staff and farmers. Kids are welcome.

There will be another date scheduled for August (date tbd) when you can pick up the second veggie bucks booklet (valued at \$50) and enjoy some farm snacks, then come back for a final harvest bag of goodies in late fall!



If you are aware of other families in the North Quabbin that may be interested and eligible, please feel free to share a copy of this application with them. It is also available to download at www.seedsofsolidarity.org.

Seeds of Solidarity offers a range of free and low cost workshops over the summer months that may interest you as well, to learn about gardening, wellness, and other topics. www.seedsofsolidarity.org

If you have any questions at all, please contact Deb Habib at Seeds of Solidarity: deb@seedsofsolidarity.org or 978-544-7564 (leave your number for a call back).

**This program is offered by Seeds of Solidarity Education Center and funded through a CDBG CARES Act grant through The Community Foundation of North Central MA and United Way of North Central MA.*

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Please read the cover sheet before applying. Then fill out this page and email to deb@seedsofsolidarity.org or send to Seeds of Solidarity, 165 Chestnut Hill Road, Orange MA 01364. You can also take a photo of your application and email it. We will let you know by May 27th.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address (street, town): _____

Circle the best ways to reach you: call text email

Eligibility: This program is for low or moderate income, based on the household size below. We will not ask you for additional paperwork, this is just for eligibility purposes and is confidential.

| # of People in Household | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Up to | 17,700 | 20,200 | 22,750 | 26,500 | 31,040 | 35,580 | 40,120 | 44,660 |
| Up to | 29,450 | 33,650 | 37,850 | 42,050 | 45,450 | 48,800 | 52,150 | 55,550 |
| Up to | 47,150 | 53,850 | 60,600 | 67,300 | 72,700 | 78,100 | 83,500 | 88,850 |

How many people in your household? _____ **Which income level is your household?** _____

What interests you most about this opportunity? How did you hear about it?

The Community Development Block Grant that funds this program asks that we gather some information so they know how funds benefit our community members. Please indicate if any members of your family that will benefit from the food and program are: (check as many as you need).

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| _____ White/European American | _____ Black/African American |
| _____ Native American/First Nation | _____ Latino/Hispanic |
| _____ Asian or Asian American | _____ Other racial/cultural (self-identify as you wish) _____ |
| _____ A person with a disability | _____ someone over 60 years old |

Check if your head of household is a single parent: _____ and of what gender? _____ (female, male, non-binary)

Commitment: *By completing this application, I confirm that I live in the North Quabbin and am low or moderate income. I read and agree to the program details on the cover page including attending one of the program welcome dates below. I realize spots are limited, and can fully commit to program participation if selected.*

If selected, **I can come during this program welcome slot** at Seeds of Solidarity Farm (165 Chestnut Hill Road, Orange) to meet the staff, pick up my veggie bucks booklet and make and take home a container garden!

_____ **Thursday June 9th between 1-4PM.** Or _____ **Saturday June 11th between 2-5PM**

Your signature or name: _____ Date _____

We welcome your questions about the program and participation: contact deb@seedsofsolidarity.org