



BONUS BUCKS IS BACK FOR THE 2024 SEASON!

Stretch your food dollars, support your local farmer and take advantage of the great local food we have right here in St. Lawrence County. It's a win, win for everyone! GardenShare's Bonus Bucks program, offers a cost sharing arrangement with income eligible St. Lawrence County residents to purchase either a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share, or for purchases at any of the following five St. Lawrence County Farmers Markets: Canton, Potsdam, Massena, Gouverneur or Hammond.

How It Works

- 1) Determine if you meet the income criteria on attached application and if so,
- 2) Choose one of the following Bonus Bucks options:

Option 1: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share

Through this option, you can work with one of the local growers (on back of this page) to pre-purchase a "Share" for the growing season. In essence, you become an investor in the farm and in exchange, you are guaranteed local food in return at regular intervals throughout the season. Every farmer has slightly different arrangements with their "investors" so it is important for you to connect directly with the farmer in advance to determine which arrangement will work best for you. If you choose a CSA, GardenShare will match your costs, up to a maximum of \$300. For example, if you chose a share that costs \$350, we will match half of that cost. You pay \$175 and we pay \$175. If you chose a share that costs \$693, you pay \$393 and we pay \$300. You may be able to pay for your Share with SNAP benefits, but will require arrangements in advance, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Option 2: St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Purchases

Purchase up to 6 Bonus Bucks Farmers Market Cards worth \$100 each directly from GardenShare and we will match your purchase costs up to \$300 (6 cards, \$600 total). For example, if you purchase the maximum of \$600, you pay \$300 and we pay \$300. If you purchased 1 card (worth \$100), you pay \$50 and we pay \$50. You may also choose a value less than \$100, for instance if you choose to purchase \$60, we pay \$30, and you pay \$30. Those cards are then yours to be exchanged at any of the 5 St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Managers tables for Bonus Buck tokens that can be used as cash at the market for any SNAP eligible items. The tokens do not expire. This option is NOT available to SNAP recipients as there are other farmers market incentive programs, we sponsor specifically for families receiving SNAP.

- 3) Once you have made your choice and decided what you wish to spend, fill out GardenShare's Bonus Bucks application and submit payment. All information must be provided as requested in order for your application to be considered.
- 4) Once application and payment is received by GardenShare, we will review and contact you to finalize the process.
- 5) Enjoy the amazing local food St. Lawrence County has to offer and help build a strong local food system!

Bonus Bucks will be available until funds are exhausted. Bonus Bucks is made possible through the generous support of the following: Arconic Foundation, Gratitude Through Giving (Nature's Storehouse and Boyden Brook Body Works), as well as GardenShare supporters.

For more information reach us at info@gardenshare.org or 315-261-8054

GARDENSHARE BONUS BUCKS APPLICATION - 2024

Fill out completely and return to GardenShare,
PO Box 516, Canton, NY 13617 or email info@gardenshare.org

<p><i>I qualify for Bonus Bucks because the total income of my household is at/below the levels listed in the chart:</i> (limit one per household per year)</p> <p>Number of people in household (required): _____</p> <p>Household Income (required): _____</p> <p>Their Ages (required): _____</p>	<p>No. People in Household</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>(each additional person \$13,450)</p>	<p>Annual Income (250% of poverty threshold)</p> <p>\$37,650</p> <p>\$51,100</p> <p>\$64,550</p> <p>\$78,000</p> <p>\$91,450</p>
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Optional and to better serve our community, please answer the questions below so that GardenShare can gather data from participants:

Are you dealing with a Chronic Illnesses: Yes No

Demographic Information (Age, Gender, Ethnicity, etc.): _____
(This information will remain anonymous when reporting to funders)

Signed: _____

CHOOSE AN OPTION

CSA Share (Community Supported Agriculture)

Farmers Market Purchase Card (FMPC)

Name of CSA Farm (from list above): _____

[SNAP households are not eligible for the FMPC since there are other incentives at farmers markets]

Total Cost of CSA Share: \$ _____

Total value of cards requested (max \$600): \$ _____

Minus Bonus Bucks (Half your share) \$ _____

Minus Bonus Bucks (half the total): \$ _____

Amount you pay the CSA Farm \$ _____

Amount you pay to GardenShare: \$ _____

(Check made payable to CSA Farm)

(Check made payable to GardenShare)

Print your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

GardenShare Office Only

Date Application Received _____ Date Approved _____ Date Cards Mailed _____

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