



URBAN GROWERS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

At Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture (TLW) it is our aspiration to grow as many growers and reintroduce small scale farming as a viable occupation and way of life. Thank you so much for your interest in the TLW Urban Grower Boot Camp program. It is no coincidence that our paths have crossed hence this offer of financial assistance. As you may be aware, the cost of this training program is \$950 per person. To provide assistance we offer program fees at a sliding scale rate, and participant agrees to offset costs by volunteering sweat equity into the organization. Understand aspiring grower, all scholarships are partial and you must contribute a minimum of \$350 - \$760, to your urban agriculture education and growth. Please read on for details and expectations.

Sliding Scale Fee Assessment

Sliding scales fees are based on your annual income and the number of family members supported by your income. If the participant's household is supported by two or more incomes they are required to report as such. Proof of income, either last year's W-2 or your two most recent check stubs, **MUST** accompany submission of this application. Financial assistance application is not complete without proof of income and failure to provide may result in delayed decision from organization or dismal from application process.

Volunteer Hours

As 501 (c) 3, TLW offers diverse volunteer opportunities to help offset program fees for urban grower participants. Volunteers will contribute to office, business, outreach, farm, and market operations. This supports a mutually beneficial relationship and participants are able to use agriculture and professional skills to build experience and support organization mission. Participant must select three areas in which he/she would like to serve, and hours will equally be dispersed between departments. All volunteer hours must be completed two days prior to program graduation to receive certification of training. Based on the 60 hours for boot camp training, participants agree to volunteer the same percentage of hours that would equal the subtracted amount of the program fee:

Program Fee	Hrs of BC	Sliding Scale Fee	Sweat Equity Hrs	Total Hours
\$950	60	\$380	36	96
\$950	60	\$760	12	72

Payment Options:

Payment options are available for participants unable to pay program tuition at one time. Truly Living Well will set up an installment plan, with 50% of payment due one week prior to beginning training program. A second payment is due the 3rd week of boot camp prior to attending class session Friday night. Remaining portion of program fees must be paid in full, by the Friday of the fourth week of boot camp. Failure to pay program fees may result in disqualification from program or withholding of training certification.

Payment plans are an agreement between TLW and the individual requesting payment plan assistance. All agreements must be signed and returned to TLW before beginning payments. \$350.00 of tuition is non refundable. Participants may request payment plan once receiving decision for financial assistance application.

Expectations:

- Complete and submit financial assistance application with proof of income.
- Pay all program fees as determined by financial assistance application.
- Complete at least 50% of volunteer hours within three weeks of attending boot camp.
- Complete final volunteer hours two days prior to determined graduation date.
- Participant must attend all class and farming sessions and complete projects as assigned.
- Participant acknowledges failure to complete the above expectations will result in disqualification from program or withholding of training certification.



URBAN GROWERS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION _____

Basic Information _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Employment Experience _____

1. Are you currently employed? Full-time Part-time Unemployed

Name of Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Supervisors' Name _____ Job Title _____

Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____

2. Are you the sole earner in your home? Yes No

3. Please indicate how many earners are in your home: 1 2 3 4

4. Please indicate your or household current annual income:

below \$11,880 \$11,880 – \$16,020 \$16,021 – \$20,160

\$16,021 – \$24,300 \$24,301 – \$28,440 \$28,441 – \$32,580

\$32,581 – \$36,730 above \$36,731

5. Please indicate how many family members are supported by your or household current annual income:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Professional Experience _____

6. What skill set or professional experience can you contribute to TLW?

7. Please list days and times available for volunteering:

8. Please indicate 3 areas in which you would like to serve, 1 being your first choice:

- Outreach (TLW street team) Farmer's Markets Office/Admin
 Farm Operations Food Co-Ops Graphic Design

I have attached my proof of income in the form of a W-2 or two most recent check stubs.

I CERTIFY that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigations of all statements contained in this application for financial assistance as may be necessary in arriving at decision. In the event of acceptance into the Urban Growers Program with financial assistance, I understand that false or misleading information given on my application or may result in removal.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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