



Aspiring Farmer Residency CSA Program 2019

About Big Muddy Urban Farm & Residency Program

History In the winter of 2011, the original members met, formed our collective and started Big Muddy Urban Farm. The farm has continued to expand and has developed into a staple within the urban agriculture scene of Omaha. Urban farming is not a common practice and few beyond rural communities are exposed to the skills necessary for growing your own food. Big Muddy Urban Farm started the Aspiring Farmer Residency Program in 2017 with an emphasis on providing individuals the opportunity to learn about and participate in food systems. For one year, five individuals work as a team to manage Big Muddy Urban Farm's market operation in exchange for housing. Aside from growing food, each individual learns how to manage crops, marketing, and business skills needed to run a market farm. Big Muddy Aspiring Farmers are committed to engaging sustainably in our financial, environmental and cultural practices, by responding and adapting to the dynamic urban environment in which we exist.

We live here; let's grow here!

Our Mission Big Muddy Urban Farm is a collectively-run urban farm that strives to produce food that empowers the community to eat and live consciously

Our Vision Big Muddy Urban Farm is a collective of local food producers in Omaha. We are concerned with the current state of the food system at large. Moreover, we recognize the social and environmental injustices that have negatively impacted our neighborhoods and believe that food plays a prominent role in the overall health of our community. By providing a local and diverse source of fruits, vegetables and herbs, as well as sharing skills and resources with our community, we hope to encourage communal resilience, empowerment, and a more localized economy.

A CSA Share

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a model often used by farms, where members (you!) invest in the farm in the beginning of the season and then receive a portion of the harvest throughout the growing season. By investing early in the season, you help us buy the supplies we need (like high-quality seeds and sufficient equipment) so that we can get growing! This year we are offering a share for the full season (18 weeks) or a share per season (3 seasons—spring, summer and fall—each 6 weeks long). Our shares will include 4-6 types of vegetables with multiple varieties each week. Availability of crops change with the season, and this will be reflected in your share.

Share availability Our farm has a limited amount of CSA shares available every season. We offer our shares to returning CSA members before the general public to continue our relationship and honor their support. Please reserve a share promptly; deposits are the only way to secure your reservation and guarantee your share. In order to save your place in our CSA for the 2019 growing season, you will need to fill out a registration form and return it with your initial deposit.

Community Share Community shares help fulfill our mission to provide fresh and healthy vegetables to our neighbors in Gifford Park and throughout Omaha. Your investment in community shares will allow us to donate to and partner with other non-profit organizations to ensure accessibility to healthy food! Each week we will deliver a basket of produce to our community partners, as well as any vegetables not claimed from our weekly pick-ups. Donations to support community shares are available on the registration form.

Risk sharing In addition to supporting small local growers and sharing the bounty of Big Muddy's harvest, joining the CSA also means you are willing to share the risk of inclement weather or crop failure. In the event that crops are damaged, Big Muddy Urban Farm will do our best to provide the quantities and varieties available. Simply put: we're in this together!

Payment Plans and Pick-up

Full season share A deposit of \$100.00 is required to secure your place in our CSA for the entire 2019 season. Deposits are due by April 15, 2019, though due to limited availability of shares, it is possible that our CSA may fill sooner. If our CSA fills before we receive your deposit, your payment will not be processed. The remaining balance of \$200.00 for your share is due by May 1, 2019.

Seasonal shares Available for three seasons, each six weeks long. A deposit of \$35 is required to secure your share per season. Deposits are due several weeks before seasonal deadlines. Each season will be \$110 total. Timetables and deadlines are listed on the registration sheet. If you enjoy one season, then we encourage you

to sign up for more! Every season has its unique qualities and is worthy of experiencing. Discounts are available if you sign up for two or three seasons (full season).

Flexible payment plan If you would like to join our CSA, but the payment plan listed above is not feasible for you, please contact us. We will try to accommodate you as best as possible and are willing to discuss other options.

Choosing a Pick-up Time Your CSA share will be available for pick-up at two locations. We encourage our members to participate in the Gifford Park Neighborhood Market on Friday nights from May 31–Sept. 27, 2019. Supporting local business and communing in a shared space is an essential part of who we are at Big Muddy. We will still provide a secondary pickup location at the residency house garage.

Tuesdays: 5-7 p.m. @ Big Muddy Residency Garage 3328 Burt St Omaha, NE 68131

Fridays: 5-8 p.m. @ Gifford Park Neighborhood Market 520 N. 33rd St Omaha, NE 68131

Pick-up Arrangements As a member, it is your responsibility to pick up your share on a weekly basis. If you are unable to pick up your share at the designated date and time, you will need to notify Big Muddy Urban Farm via email (residents@bigmuddyurbanfarm.org) or phone/voicemail (402) 590-8702 at least 24 hours in advance, noting who will be picking up in your absence or that your share should be donated to our community partner. If you wish to make arrangements outside of the designated times and dates, there is a \$5 convenience fee for this service. We strive to provide the freshest available goods and schedule our harvest dates accordingly. As a small operation, coordinating labor, logistics and order fulfillment can become burdensome if too many pickups are arranged outside of scheduled times and dates. We want you to eat the best and freshest produce!

Other Benefits

Weekly newsletter Throughout the season you will receive a weekly newsletter written by our residents. We will include farm updates, upcoming events, storage tips, photos and recipes to help you make the most of your produce.

Add-ons We hope to offer herbs, eggs, canned goods, and other items to purchase throughout the growing season. CSA members will have first pick on these special offers! You will be able to add-on the aforementioned items each week when available.

Workshops If you are interested in improving your own food cultivating skills we are a great CSA to join! Throughout the season we will offer a variety of workshops for CSA members and our community.

Volunteer Opportunities You and your family are always welcome to join us on the farm. We will post

volunteer opportunities throughout the season on our website and via weekly newsletter. All volunteer days are kid friendly! If you are interested in volunteering regularly, please let us know your availability and we will work to coordinate something. We appreciate your support!

Member Potluck At the start of the growing season we will offer a potluck for all CSA members, so we can get to know each other. We look forward to engaging directly with each and every one of you!

Harvest party We'll wrap up the growing season together with another potluck. This is your chance to tell us what you liked about this year's CSA and what you'd like to see next season.

Thank you for your support!

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<https://www.facebook.com/BigMuddyUrbanFarm>

@bigmuddyurbanfarm - Instagram

@bigmuddyfarm - Twitter



2019 CSA Agreement

CONTACT INFORMATION- - - - -

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please list any food allergies that we should be aware of:

Are you okay with possibly receiving farm fresh eggs as a supplement to your produce box?

Yes! No, please don't ever include eggs in my CSA box

How did you hear about the Big Muddy CSA?

I was a previous CSA member Social Media Friend

Other: _____

Are you interested in being contacted with volunteer opportunities?

Yes! No, please only contact me regarding my CSA share

SHARE SELECTION - - - - -

Full Season Share \$300

May 28, 2019 through September 27, 2019 (18 weeks)

\$100 Deposit due: April 15, 2019

Paid in full by: May 1, 2019

Spring Share \$110	Summer Share \$110	Fall Share \$110
May 28 – July 5, 2019 (6 weeks) \$35 Deposit due: April 15, 2019 Paid in full by: May 1, 2019	July 9 – Aug. 16, 2019 (6 weeks) \$35 Deposit due: June 15, 2019 Paid in full by: July 1, 2019	Aug. 20 – Sept. 27, 2019 (6 weeks) \$35 Deposit due: July 15, 2019 Paid in full by: August 1, 2019

COMMUNITY SHARE- - - - -

Food accessibility is a core value of Big Muddy and we will provide our fresh produce to non-profit community partners throughout the growing season.

I would like to support Big Muddy accessibility initiatives with a \$_____ tax-deductible donation.

PAYMENT TYPE - - - - -

Cash* Check (Please address to Big Muddy Urban Farm) Electronic/Card

* **Please** do not send cash payments through mail, hand delivery is encouraged.

Total payment amount enclosed \$_____

PICKUP LOCATION - - - - -

Tuesday 5 - 7 p.m. @ Big Muddy Residency Garage 3328 Burt St Omaha, NE 68131

Friday 5 - 8 p.m. @ Gifford Park Neighborhood Market 520 N. 33rd Street Omaha, NE 68131

PICKUP AGREEMENT - - - - -

I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my CSA share on a weekly basis. If I am unable to pick up my share at the designated date and time, I will notify Big Muddy Urban Farm via email (residents@bigmuddyurbanfarm.org) or voicemail (402)590-8702 at least 24 hours in advance. As the purchaser, it is my responsibility to pick up share(s) during scheduled pickup hours. If it is not picked up, I understand that it may be donated elsewhere.

RISK SHARING - - - - -

In addition to supporting small local growers and sharing the bounty of Big Muddy's harvest, joining the CSA also means you are willing to share the risk of inclement weather or crop failure. In the event that crops are damaged, Big Muddy Urban Farm will do our best to provide the quantities and varieties available.

By signing below, I agree to the above terms and will pick up my share weekly. I also understand that quantities and varieties change throughout the season, and I will receive produce based on when they are available.



Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Please, fill in digitally and email to Residents@BigMuddyUrbanFarm.org or print a signed copy of this form and mail or hand-deliver to 3320 Burt St, Omaha, NE 68131. If you have any questions regarding our 2019 CSA feel free to call us at (402)590-8702.

After receiving this signed CSA Agreement, we will send you a confirmation email with any follow up steps that need to be taken.

Thank you for supporting the mission of Big Muddy Urban Farm and the 2019 Aspiring Farmer Residents,

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