



Natick
Community
Organic Farm

NCOF Scholarship Information

Policy

The Natick Community Organic Farm strives to provide financial assistance to all families who request it. Partial and full scholarships are available. Past scholarship decisions on a family's application does not determine eligibility for future programs.

To support as many families as possible, NCOF does ask families to make a contribution to their programs whenever possible, though a contribution is not required to receive a scholarship.

Guidelines

All scholarship requests must be made in writing, and are handled confidentially and in the order in which they are received by the Assistant Director of Education. Priority will be given to families who are eligible for Federal and State assistance programs, including but not limited to:

- SNAP/WIC/EBT
- MassHealth and Medicaid
- Section 8 or other subsidized housing

Scholarship Amounts

In order to have as much impact as possible, NCOF is mindful of how we distribute scholarship funds so that they can benefit as many families as possible. Therefore, as of January 1, 2025, we will use the following guidelines regarding yearly scholarship awards for our various programs:

- School year programs (Forest Gnomes, Homeschool, Afterschool, etc): up to \$1,500/family/year
- Vacation week programs (February and April): up to \$550/family/year
- Summer programs: up to \$750/family/year
- School, Scouts, and other group programs: Title I schools are eligible for a 25% discount. If you are not a Title I school, but would still like to inquire about aid, please contact us directly for more information.
- ***Please note that previous awarding of scholarship funds does not guarantee future scholarships.***

Application

Thank you for considering Natick Community Organic Farm for programs. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, [please fill out this form](#) and return it to communityprograms@natickfarm.org

There are other ways to reduce the cost of attending a program at NCOF.

- Become a farm member – membership at the crofter level or higher receives 20% off kids' programming.
- Ask about a payment plan.
- [Explore other resources](#). Schools and other civic organizations may provide financial support for our programs.