**Spring Valley Student Farm General Application**

Application Instructions:

1. Before completing your application, ensure you understand the position you are applying for by reading the corresponding fact sheet. These can be found posted on our webpage at <https://dining.uconn.edu/spring-valley-farm/>, under the Housing or Employment tabs.
2. Download this application to your computer. Rename the file “Firstname Lastname SVSF Application 2025” and begin editing. For example, “Aaliyah Smith SVSF Application 2025.”
3. Respond to the following questions thoughtfully, honestly and concisely.
4. If you would prefer to handwrite your answers, you may print the application and then scan the completed application to submit it in one pdf file.
5. Submit your completed application by emailing the Farm Manager at Jessica.larkin-wells@uconn.edu, with subject line “SVSF Student Farmer Application.” Include your application as an attachment to the email in .docx or pdf format. If you are unfamiliar with professional email etiquette, you can learn more here: <https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/email-etiquette/>.
6. After submitting your application, you will hear back from the Farm Manager within a few days. We are looking forward to getting to know you better through the application process!

|  |
| --- |
| **Personal Information** |
| Name and chosen name |  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Pronouns | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Home address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Phone (home/cell) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Peoplesoft number | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Which opportunity/opportunities are you applying for? Please fill in blanks if applicable. [ ]  Semester housing (requires 10 hours of farm work per week)[ ]  Academic internship. Specify number of credits: Click or tap here to enter text.[ ]  Summer housing (requires 10 hours/week from early May – end of August)[ ]  Summer housing for partial summer (10 hours/week). Specify dates: Click or tap here to enter text.[ ]  Summer employment (requires 20 hours/week, paid, from early May – end of August) |
| If you are applying for multiple positions at SVSF, would you accept only one? Which one? (For example, would you accept housing at SVSF if you are not hired as a paid employee?)Click or tap here to enter text. |
| How did you first learn about the opportunity you are applying for?[ ]  Daily Digest post[ ]  EcoHouse Learning Community[ ]  Word of mouth[ ]  Dining hall slideshow[ ]  Instagram[ ]  Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Academic details:** Please keep in mind that housing and employment at SVSF are only open to current, full-time UConn students.  |
| College and Degree Program | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Major/Course of Study | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Expected Graduation Date | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Experience and Interest** |
|  Have you ever visited Spring Valley Student Farm? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No If yes, please describe your past involvement visiting or volunteering at SVSF. What did you think about the farm when you visited?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Have you read the fact sheet that corresponds to the position you are seeking?  [ ]  Yes [ ]  Other, please explain: Click or tap here to enter text.  |
| What interests you about this program? Why do you want to be a Spring Valley student farmer, and what do you hope to learn?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Please describe your experience gardening or working on a farm. What other practical skills and experience would you bring to the farm? (For example: landscaping, carpentry, writing, leadership, organization, etc.)Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Please describe your school and/or community involvement (credit load, student organizations, extracurricular activities, etc.). What weekly/obligations are you committed to, and how would you balance your commitments with farming at SVSF? Why do you think committing to the farm would work for you?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Here at the farm, we have the opportunity to learn about and act on many important issues, such as food justice, dismantling racism, inclusion for marginalized identities, and responding to the climate crisis. Are you passionate about any of these issues, or others? If so, would you like to elaborate?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Some of the skills we practice when building a diverse community are: setting and communicating personal boundaries, active listening, respecting other people’s boundaries, building group consensus, and relationship repair. Have you practiced any of these skills? Are there other community skills that you hope you and fellow farmers could practice together? Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Every student farmer at SVSF is an integral member of the team with unique and important responsibilities, often working independently. Tasks like opening the farm or watering the greenhouse have real consequences if forgotten or done incompletely. What is one of the biggest responsibilities you have taken on in the past, in any domain? Give an example of how you rose to the challenge and held yourself accountable. Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Student farmers can expect to get tired, hot, cold, and dirty while working outside throughout the year. Please describe your experience with manual labor (type of work, duration, climate). What is the hardest physical labor you’ve ever done? Why are you interested in doing manual labor?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What is your favorite vegetable and why?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Specific Program Details** |
| **Summer Employment applicants only:** |
| The SVSF summer growing season runs from the second week of May through the fourth week of August. Student farmers commit to working 20 hours per week for the entire summer. Please share any vacations or travel plans that would limit your availability on the farm.Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Housing applicants only:** |
| Accepted applicants may be sharing a bedroom with one roommate in a house of up to seven students of diverse backgrounds, skills and interests. Why are you interested in living in community? What are your skills as a housemate or roommate? What might be challenging for you? Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Housing applicants must submit the Residential Life on-campus housing application through MyHousing, as explained in the fact sheet. Have you submitted your on-campus housing application? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No, I am applying for summer housing and the application is not yet available to me. [ ]  Other. Please explain: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Returning applicants only:** |
| How have you spent the time since your previous application to live at SVSF, and do you feel that you or your intentions have changed? If so, how so? Click or tap here to enter text. |

By signing below, I agree that I have completed this application truthfully. I am submitting the application on behalf of myself.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Electronic Signature (typed name) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Date  | Click or tap to enter a date. |

Please refer to the directions at the top of the application for submission instructions.

Thank you for your application!