

Dear Community Kitchen Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the **Community Kitchen Academy** Training Program. Our training is 9 weeks long from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. The kitchen is located at Feeding Chittenden, 228 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT.



Community Kitchen Academy (CKA) is an opportunity to develop a strong foundation of employable skills through an intensive program of culinary knowledge development, career readiness and job placement. CKA students actively develop and apply new skills by creating wholesome meals to help feed our neighbors, using quality food that may otherwise go to waste.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: In response to COVID-19, CKA will temporarily be restructuring to ensure the safety of students, instructors and the communities we serve. CKA will be offered as an intensive 9-week, full-time job training program, enrolling a maximum of 5 students per session. We are committed to making CKA accessible and available to anyone that would benefit from the program. Our plan ensures that the quality of the program is maintained, while enhancing program components related to food safety, transferable life skills and professional development, and community based learning.

Please retain this letter as it contains vital information about the application process.

Applicants must be able to meet the following **requirements:**

- At least 18 years old
- Possess basic literacy skills and speak English
- Underemployed or unemployed
- Able to meet low income requirements
- Desire to work in the food service industry
- Have the legal right to work in the U.S.
- Provide documentation of High School Graduation or GED (or currently in progress)
- Pass structured interview with CKA Chef Instructor
- Able to commit fully to 9-week program. Daily attendance is required. Students must be on time and prepare to stay the entire length of the program.
- Physically able to stand and work for 6 hours, able to lift 50 lbs, able to perform frequent bending and tolerate a hot kitchen environment
- Able to follow multi-step instructions in a fast-paced environment
- Capable of the manual dexterity required for proper knife use
- Have childcare, transportation and housing arrangements in order
- Adhere to host agencies drug, alcohol and tobacco policies.
- Provide information about any criminal background / history. Applicants will not be accepted into the CKA program if they are a registered sex offender, a violent criminal offender or listed on the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry

Enclosed is the application for admission to our program. An online application is available at www.vtfoodbank.org. Please return the completed application to the address listed below. Applications must have a current working phone number where a message can be left. **If we are unable to reach you at the phone number supplied, your application will be incomplete and therefore, not considered.**

We are looking forward to receiving your application. Thank you in advance for starting the application process.

Sincerely,

Jon Barzensky, Chef Instructor

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Community Kitchen Academy is a statewide program of the Vermont Foodbank in local partnership with Feeding Chittenden to operate CKA Burlington.

CKA BURLINGTON | APPLICATION**For Office Use Only**

Received Date: _____

Eligible Y/N: _____

Interview Sched: _____

Status: _____

Entered in DB: _____

Online application available at www.vtfoodbank.org

Date _____

Name _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ Text Y/N

Physical Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Last 4 digits SSN: xxxx- xxxx - _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone) _____

Do you have? 1) a computer? Y/N 2) a smartphone? Y/N 3) internet service at home? Y/N

REFERRAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about the CKA Program? (Circle all options that apply)

Facebook

Craigslist

Instagram

Front Porch Forum

World Newspaper

Seven Days

Saw a CKA Poster or Flyer

Montpelier Bridge

Friend or family member (NAME) _____ Other (Please List) _____

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a Case Worker/Case Manager/Employment Team Member?

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Agency _____

SUBSIDIES

Are you eligible or currently working with any of the following agencies for subsidies?

- ☐ Dept of Labor WIOA ☐ Voc Rehab ☐ REACH UP ☐ VSAC
☐ Dept of LABOR iCan ☐ Other: _____

Are you receiving 3Squares VT (Food Stamps)?	Yes / No
Have you ever received Food Stamps before?	Yes / No
If not, would you like to apply for 3SquaresVT/Food Stamps?	Yes / No

EDUCATION

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.?
☐ Yes ☐ No Can you provide documented proof of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.?
☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever attended college or educational training programs?

Please describe: _____

EMPLOYMENT

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have any prior food service experience or education?

Please describe: _____

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you currently employed?

If Yes, where? _____

How many hours per week? _____ Current position: _____

HOUSING / TRANSPORTATION

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have secure housing for all of the 9 weeks?
☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have transportation and are able to commute to our class location every day?

Please describe: _____

CHILDCARE

- ☐ Yes ☐ No If applicable, do you have adequate childcare for the 9 week session?

Please describe: _____



LEGAL INFORMATION

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have any felony convictions?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been convicted of a sex offense or violent crime?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you listed in the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you working with a parole officer?

Applicants will not be accepted into the CKA program if they are a registered sex offender, a violent criminal offender or listed on the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry.

HEALTH HISTORY

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have any medical conditions, handicaps, or impairments that make certain work or physical activities difficult for you?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a disability that substantially limits major life activities?
(Examples: mental illness, physical disability, substances abuse, development/learning disability)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a food borne illness that prevents you from working with food?

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION and COMPOSITION

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have the legal right to work in the U.S?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to speak and read English?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever served in the armed forces?

Total # of People in Household? _____

Head of Household (check box that applies)

Female, Single Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Adults, No Children	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male, Single Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Parent Household	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single Person Household	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>

INCOME INFORMATION

Check off all sources of **income** received in the **past 6 months** for all members of your **household**:

	Self	Spouse / Partner	Other
Type of Income	CHECK BOXES BELOW		
Earned Income/Work for Wages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployment insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Veteran's Disability Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private disability income (insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workers compensation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TANF -- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Reach Up benefits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Assistance (GA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retirement income from Social Security (SSA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran's Pension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pension from a former job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alimony or other spousal support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other source (list)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Monthly Income: (report on the monthly average for the past 6 months)	Self	Spouse/Partner	Other
	\$	\$	\$

Total Monthly Income for ALL household members: \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____

Are you able to support yourself financially during the training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

NON-CASH BENEFITS

Check off all **benefits** received in the **past 6 months** for all members of your **household**:

Type of Benefit	Self	Spouse / Partner	Other
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (3Squares Vermont)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEDICAID health insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEDICARE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) (Dr Dynasaur)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TANF Child Care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TANF transportation services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other TANF-funded services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 8, public housing, or other rental assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Source (list)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMITMENT

The CKA program is located at Feeding Chittenden, 228 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT. The program is **9 WEEKS** long and **REQUIRES** attendance from: **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday**. (only a very small number of excused absences are allowable)

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to commit to the full schedule for all of the 9 weeks?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you willing to adhere to policies and procedures related to attendance, punctuality and other course requirements?



☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to commit to full or part time employment upon graduation?

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to lift 50 pounds?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to work in a hot / humid environment?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to stand for 6 hours?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to follow multi-step instructions in a fast paced environment?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you able to perform frequent bending?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you capable of the dexterity required for proper knife use?

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Please initial after each one that you agree to each requirement.

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Please describe any reason why you are unable to agree to any of the above requirements:



Confidential Information

It is our policy at Feeding Chittenden to respect your privacy, guard your personal information, and to keep you informed of your rights.

Inter-Disciplinary Teams

Feeding Chittenden staff may share information about you with the State of Vermont, contractors, and other service providers for the purpose of engaging in identifying, coordinating, planning, arranging, and providing services to you in and to help you to receive the services for which you are applying.

Program Administration

Feeding Chittenden staff will use and share individually identifiable information as required by our funding sources for the purposes of program administration. Examples include reporting, billing, and recordkeeping.

Certification

I give my word that the information that I provide in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information that assistance may be denied.

Right to Appeal or Request a Variance

You have the right to appeal a denial or decision. Contact the Feeding Chittenden at 802-860-3663.

Disclaimer and Signature:

I release Feeding Chittenden, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), and Vermont Foodbank from any liability as a result of such contract. Feeding Chittenden, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), and Vermont Foodbank are not responsible for personal injury or damage, loss, or theft of my personal property. I understand that if I am accepted into the program, I will not be paid wages for work, but will receive the benefit of culinary training, life skills classes, and job placement assistance. I also understand that continued enrollment will be based on completion of job-related physical examinations and successfully meeting training requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this application to:

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