



Grow Pittsburgh Pre-Apprenticeship at Shiloh Farm Instructions and Application

What is the Pre-Apprenticeship?

- The pre-apprenticeship is a program in partnership with Pasa Sustainable Agriculture for those who have little or no growing experience but are interested in exploring a farming career. Completing this pre-apprenticeship will give you the required experience to participate in [Pasa's Diversified Vegetable Apprenticeship](#), which provides paid intensive farmer training by pairing participants with farms with a proven track record and a farmer-led, expert-designed curriculum.
- The curriculum is based on the core duties and skills for Pasa's vegetable farming apprenticeship program such as plant propagation, soil fertility, crop planning, harvest and post-harvest handling, and more. More details on the pre-apprenticeship can be found here: <https://pasafarming.org/soil-institute/farmer-training-development/diversified-vegetable-pre-apprenticeship/>
- Participants commit to at least 4 hours a week from April 11-Nov 7, 2023, helping with: preparing fields, plantings, cultivation, harvesting and packaging crops to be distributed in the communities surrounding our farms at farm stands, donations to local groups, and other outlets.
- To graduate from the program, a pre-apprentice must complete **225 hours** of on-the-job training and **25 hours** of related technical instruction. Please note that this is a two year program. In order to complete the hours required for a pre-apprenticeship participants will need to complete a second season with Grow Pittsburgh in 2023.

Benefits

- Participants receive a **weekly CSA share** of our produce in exchange for 4 hours of help.
- **Membership to Grow Pittsburgh.** Membership includes: free admission to relevant Grow Pittsburgh, membership to our [Garden Resource Center](#), and a free t-shirt.
- **Free admission to:** Pasa workshops and the annual PASA conference in Lancaster, PA
- Participants gain valuable experience working side by side with Grow Pittsburgh farmers.

Requirements

- Pre-apprentices must commit to a whole season.
- Must be prepared to work outside in all types of weather including heat and rain, where you'll be on your feet and moving for hours at a time.
- Requires bending, kneeling, squatting, or lifting loads up to 40 lbs.

What's Next?

- Complete and submit the application below by March 25th to silvan@growpittsburgh.org or mail to:

Grow Pittsburgh
ATTN: Silvan Goddin
6587 Hamilton Ave #2W
Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Grow Pittsburgh Shiloh Farm Pre-Apprenticeship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address (Street, City, Zip Code): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate which of the following shifts you would prefer. Select all if there is no preference. Note that the Thursday shift changes times in June to accommodate our farm stand schedule.

Tuesdays 9 am to 1pm	Tuesdays 12 pm to 4 pm	Thursdays 12 pm to 4 pm April-May 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm June-Oct

Why are you interested in a pre-apprenticeship at Grow Pittsburgh?

Do you plan on going on vacation this summer? (It's ok, we just want a heads up about your plans. Please indicate the approximate dates you'll be unavailable.)
