

# Free Verse Farm & Apothecary

## *2017 Farm Apprenticeship Description*

For the past four years, we have grown medicinal, culinary, and tea herbs at our small farm. Using the herbs that we grow as our primary ingredients, we create our line of herbal remedies, tea blends, herbal body care products, and culinary offerings. Our products are available in markets, farmstores, and cafes, as well as online. We are a family business, thus far run solely by the two of us.

Apprentice positions at Free Verse Farm & Apothecary provide the opportunity to learn and experience what it takes to work on a small herb farm and apothecary. The apprenticeship will focus on the cultivations of herbs, with apprentices spending the majority of their time in the fields planting, weeding, and harvesting crops, or in our barn drying and processing an array of herbs. Apprentices will receive hand-on instruction for all tasks and have plenty of opportunities to ask questions. Applicants are not required to have previous farming or herbalism experience, though though both are a plus.

Apprentices will also assist with other farm activities, such as tending our flock of chickens and the herd of sheep that spends the summer on our pastures. Apprentices may also be trained to assist at area farmers markets and to help craft and package products in our apothecary.

### **Position Details:**

- 2-3 days per week from approximately June through September (We understand that some applicants may not be able to commit for the entire season, so please explain your availability in your application).
- Work days generally last 6-8 hours. Start and end times will vary depending on the season, but workdays generally start between 7-9am.
- There will also be opportunities to farmsit for us during short trips away during the summer months.
- Commuting apprentices must have reliable transportation, be able to lift 50 pounds, and be willing to work outside in all weather conditions.
- There is the possibility of living on our farm in our small vintage camper or in a tent (please inquire). In this scenario, we would be open to discussing different work schedules.

**Benefits include:** access to fresh herbs and vegetables, discounted products, first-hand instruction on growing and processing herbs, and the opportunity to expand your herbal and farming knowledge while spending the summer on a beautiful hillside in Vermont. Stipend will be dependent upon experience and time commitment.

**Applications are due** by March 15 and will be conducting interviews (in person ideally, but phone and video interviews will work) during the latter half of March. Hiring decisions will be made in early April.