



## BONUS BUCKS IS BACK FOR THE 2026 SEASON!

Stretch your food dollars, support your local farmer and take advantage of the great local food we have right here in St. Lawrence County. It's a win-win for everyone! GardenShare's Bonus Bucks program offers a cost sharing arrangement with income eligible St. Lawrence County residents to purchase either a Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) Share or for purchases at any of the following four St. Lawrence County Farmers Markets: Canton, Potsdam, Gouverneur or Hammond.

### How It Works

- 1) Determine if you meet the income criteria on attached application and if so,
- 2) Choose one of the following Bonus Bucks options:

#### **Option 1: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share**

Through this option, you can work with one of the local growers (on the back of this page) to pre-purchase a "Share" for the growing season. In essence, you become an investor in the farm and in exchange, you are guaranteed local food in return at regular intervals throughout the season. Every farmer has slightly different arrangements with their "investors" so it is important for you to connect directly with the farmer in advance to determine which arrangement will work best for you. If you choose a CSA, GardenShare will match your costs up to a maximum of \$300. For example, if you chose a share that costs \$350, we will match half of that cost. You pay \$175 and we pay \$175. If you chose a share that costs \$693, you pay \$393 and we pay \$300. You may be able to pay for your SHARE with SNAP benefits, but will require arrangements in advance, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Option 2: St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Purchases**

Purchase up to 6 Bonus Bucks Farmers Market Cards worth \$100 each directly from GardenShare and we will match your purchase costs up to \$300 (6 cards, \$600 total). For example, if you purchase the maximum of \$600 you pay \$300 and we pay \$300. If you purchased 1 card (worth \$100), you pay \$50 and we pay \$50. You may also choose a value less than \$100, for instance if you choose to purchase \$60, we pay \$30, and you pay \$30. Those cards are then yours to be exchanged at any of the four St. Lawrence County Farmers Market Managers tables for Bonus Buck tokens that can be used as cash at the market for any SNAP eligible items. The tokens do not expire and no cash change will be given. This option is NOT available to SNAP recipients as there are other farmers market incentive programs we sponsor specifically for families receiving SNAP.

- 3) Once you have made your choice and decided what you wish to spend, fill out GardenShare's Bonus Bucks application and submit payment. All information must be provided as requested in order for your application to be considered.
- 4) Once application and payment is received by GardenShare, we will review and contact you to finalize the process.
- 5) Enjoy the amazing local food St. Lawrence County has to offer and help build a strong local food system!

*Bonus Bucks will be available until funds are exhausted. Bonus Bucks is made possible through the generous support of the following: Gratitude Through Giving (Nature's Storehouse) as well as GardenShare supporters.*

For more information reach us at [info@gardenshare.org](mailto:info@gardenshare.org) or 315-261-8054

| <b>2026 Bonus Bucks CSA Farm List</b>               | <b>Pickup Locations</b>   | <b>Season and Products</b>  | <b>Cost</b>   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Birdsfoot Farm</b><br>birdsfootfarm.weebly.com   | Canton Farmers Market, Tuesdays 6/9-10/6, Potsdam, Fridays 6/12-10/9, at the farm Tuesdays or Fridays | Multiple share sizes and season length options. Add-ons available include extra weekly greens, weekly bouquet | Single/Couple Share - \$570/\$620, Family/Group Share - \$1100/\$1150, Student Share - \$410 Aug 28th-Dec 4th             |
| <b>Whitten Family Farm</b><br>whittenfamilyfarm.com | Potsdam, Massena, or farm pickup on Tuesdays  | Multiple season lengths, bulk storage/preservation CSAs, Meat add-ons, eggs, flowers, combos, and more        | Full Season \$1147, 28 week \$1064, Fall veggies \$165, 12 week \$480, Winter storage \$650 and more available on website |
| <b>Kent Family Growers</b><br>kentfamilygrowers.com | Canton Farmers Market Friday, CFC Madrid Fridays, Potsdam Saturday,                                   | 21 week shares, Full or Basic size, flower share, assorted winter shares                                      | Full Share \$756, Basic Summer Share \$504, Winter Shares available on website  |
| <b>Rocking TT Bar</b><br>rockingtbar@gmail.com      | Saturday Potsdam Farmers Markets  | Assorted cuts of grass-fed water buffalo beef   | \$100/box, flexible on frequency  |

# GARDENSHARE BONUS BUCKS APPLICATION - 2026

Fill out completely and return to GardenShare,  
PO Box 516, Canton, NY 13617 or email [info@gardenshare.org](mailto:info@gardenshare.org)

| I qualify for Bonus Bucks because the total income of my household is at/below the levels listed in the chart:<br>(limit one per household per year)                       | No. People in Household | Annual Income<br>(250% of poverty threshold)  |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Number of people in household (required): _____  | 1                       | \$39,900  |
| Household Income (Gross, required): _____  | 2                       | \$54,100  |
| Their Ages (required): _____   | 3                       | \$68,300  |
| Does anyone in your household receive SNAP? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   | 4                       | \$82,500  |
| Does anyone in your household receive Medicaid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   | 5                       | \$96,700  |
| Please answer so that GardenShare can gather data from participants:   |                         | (each additional person \$14,200)   |
| Are you dealing with a Chronic Illnesses: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |                         |   |
| Demographic Information (Gender, Ethnicity, etc.): _____   |                         |   |
| (This information will only be shared collectively by the program and not identify individuals)  |                         |   |
| Would you be willing to share with GardenShare how Bonus Bucks has had a positive impact on your household? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No       |                         |   |
| Signed: _____  |                         |   |
| <h2>CHOOSE AN OPTION</h2>  |                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSA Share (Community Supported Agriculture) <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market Purchase Card (FMPC)</span> |                         |   |
| Name of CSA Farm (from list above):<br>_____   |                         | [SNAP households are not eligible for the FMPC since there are other incentives at farmers markets] |
| Total Cost of CSA Share: \$ _____  |                         | Number of Cards requested: _____  |
| Minus Bonus Bucks (Half your share) \$ _____   |                         | Total cost of cards (up to \$100/each): \$ _____  |
| Amount you pay the CSA Farm \$ _____<br>(Check made payable to CSA Farm)   |                         | Minus Bonus Bucks (half the total): \$ _____  |
|  |                         | Amount you pay to GardenShare: \$ _____<br>(Check made payable to GardenShare)                      |
| Print your name: _____   |                         |   |
| Mailing Address: _____   |                         |   |
| Telephone: _____ Email: _____  |                         |   |

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| GardenShare Office Only         |                     |
| Date Application Received _____ | Date Approved _____ |
| Date Cards Mailed _____         |                     |
| Notes:                          |                     |