



Summer-Fall 2026 Community Outreach & Events Fellow

The Syracuse-Onondaga Food Systems Alliance (SOFA) hosts a paid Fellowship Program to cultivate the next generation of food systems leaders in Central New York. Rooted in SOFA's commitment to food justice, health equity, and shared power, this program is designed for local college or graduate students, recent graduates, and emerging grassroots leaders who are ready to deepen their impact in our region.

The Summer-Fall 2026 Community Outreach & Events Fellow will support a dynamic portfolio of work to engage SOFA's diverse network in meaningful convenings culminating in the October 17th, 2026 Food Justice Gathering. Learn more about the annual gathering at <https://www.syrfoodalliance.org/annual-gathering>.

We strongly encourage applications from individuals from underrepresented communities — especially Black, Indigenous, Latine, and other leaders who identify as members of the Global Majority — and from those who are committed to staying in Central New York for at least two years beyond the fellowship to continue building a more just, rooted, and resilient food system in Syracuse, Onondaga County, and Onondaga Nation.

Schedule: Part-time, detail below

Dates: early July 2026 through late October 2026

Compensation: \$18/hour paid monthly as a 1099 contractor

Work Location: 50% remote / 50% in-person activities throughout Syracuse

Expected Time Commitment

- Jul: 15-20 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule + 1 weekend event)
- Aug.: 20-30 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule + 1 weekend event)
- Sept.: 15-25 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule + 1 weekend event)
- Oct. 1st-10th: 5-10 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule)
- Oct. 10th-17th: 15-20 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule + full-day event on Oct. 17th)
- Oct. 20th-30th: 10 hrs total (flexible workweek schedule)

Required Qualifications

- Comfortable with outreach, communication, and follow-through
- Detail-oriented and able to manage logistics independently
- Available for increased commitment in October, including the event week
- Access to reliable transportation a plus (for flyer distribution and event attendance)
- Strong initiative and ability to work independently as well as alongside a team
- Dedication to tenets of racial and economic justice including those articulated in SOFA's Equity and Justice statement (available [here](#))



Desired Qualifications

- Local knowledge of the unique circumstances and assets of Syracuse, Onondaga County, and/or Onondaga Nation preferred
- Past experience supporting event coordination

Anticipated Activities

1. Support planning and execution of small community events, including the Urban Garden Tour and Haudenosaunee Village volunteer event
2. Coordinate community resource table outreach, confirmation, and tracking for the Food Justice Gathering
3. Manage event logistics including supply inventory, accessibility, vendor outreach, and print and materials production
4. Lead promotional outreach efforts, including distributing flyers and materials to community locations
5. Serve as volunteer lead on the day of the Food Justice Gathering, supporting registration, setup, and breakdown

Application Process

Interested candidates should apply at <https://wkf.ms/4d6DiR4>. The priority deadline to apply is June 1st, 2026 with interviews to take place in the 2-3 weeks thereafter. Please email info@syrfoodalliance.org with any questions.