



# Project Harvest

## On Call Field Gleaner

### Volunteer Description

*We need your hands and your heart! Help us harvest fruit and vegetables for food banks on local farms. Join our harvest team and spend a morning or afternoon picking blueberries, harvesting apples, or uprooting carrots, all while increasing access to nutritious food in our community!*

**Brief Description:** On Call Field Gleaners will travel to the property of produce donors and harvest crops. Volunteers will then load harvested food for transport to a local food bank.

**Purpose of Assignment:** Supply local food Banks with fresh produce.

#### Outline of Responsibilities:

- Respond to opportunities to harvest produce, sent out via email as your schedule allows.
- Perform harvesting tasks.
- Provide your own transportation.

#### Benefits:

- Promote food security and health in your community
- Learn about local agriculture
- Have fun and meet people!

#### Skills or Qualifications:

- No previous experience gardening or farming required.
- Ability to physically perform harvesting tasks, including but not limited to repetitive motions such as bending, lifting up to 40lbs, and spend an extended amount of time walking on uneven surfaces.
- Positive attitude and willingness to give back to your community!

#### Training and Support:

- On-site education on the proper harvesting methods for crops and proper produce handling.
- Gleaning Coordinator attends and supervises all events.

#### Time Commitment

Gleaning events generally run between 2-3 hours long. While volunteers are encouraged to attend the entire event, you will never be turned away for only being able to attend a portion of the event. Please let us know ahead of time.

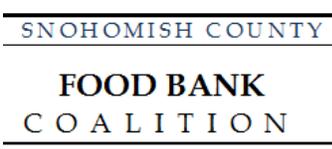
#### Work Site

Variable; Gleans take place on both large and small farms, and sometimes even in people's backyards. Gleans are located all over Snohomish County, but are generally centered around Snohomish and Arlington.

#### Application Process

Register as a volunteer on our website: <http://www.voaww.org/projectharvest>

Contact Sarah Gordon, Gleaning Coordinator, at [sgordon@voaww.org](mailto:sgordon@voaww.org), or 206-579-6886 with any questions or for more information.



*Project Harvest is a collaborative project of Volunteers of America, Snohomish County Food Bank Coalition, Rotary First Harvest, and AmeriCorps\*VISTA.*