

About This Role:

RISE Cowley in partnership with K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems is seeking a Local Food Fellow to complete the local food system project: **Irving Elementary Garden and Cowley Farmers Market Support.**

This position is either full-time for 8 weeks or part-time for 10-16 weeks. If fulltime, the fellowship dates will start in June. The ending date of activities will be no later than August 26, 2025.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate educational and harvest events at Irving Elementary Garden in collaboration with Cowley Extension Master Gardeners
- Provide regular garden maintenance, including weeding, watering, and harvesting, with the assistance of volunteers.
- Conduct site visits to farms involved with the Cowley Farmers Market
- Create farmers market videos and social media content
- Support special activities at Ark City Farm and Art Market and Walnut Valley Farmers Market
- Support farmers market manager with periodic staffing of market info table
- Prepare a comprehensive final report to be submitted to the K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems Program Coordinator, summarizing accomplishments and providing recommendations for future projects.

Location:

This is an in-person fellowship based at 311 E 9th Ave, Winfield with tasks conducted at Irving Elementary School, 311 Harter St, Winfield; Ark City Farm and Art Market, 701 N Summit, Arkansas City; Walnut Valley Farmers Market, 300 N Main, Winfield; and other locations as assigned.

Why Join Us:

RISE Cowley promotes healthy lifestyles by collaborating to raise awareness and encourage involvement for residents of Cowley County, Kansas.

For more information about K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems, please visit www.kansaslocalfoods.org.

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Inclusion:**

Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the Principles of Community.

What You'll Need to Succeed:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, including proficiency with mass media and social media platforms.
- Basic computer skills, including experience with email, internet research, and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Preferred Qualifications:

- Proven ability to work collaboratively with individuals and groups to achieve shared goals, demonstrated through previous leadership roles or team projects.
- Experience working with diverse audiences, including students, volunteers, and community members.
- Knowledge or interest in horticulture, local food systems, or sustainable agriculture.
- Organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks and timelines effectively.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have access to a reliable vehicle for transportation to project sites.

How to Apply:

Please submit the following documents to Amanda Lindahl, Local Food System Program Coordinator: alindahl@ksu.edu AND bkreid@ksu.edu.

1. Letter of interest
2. Resume

Screening of

Applications Begins: February 7, 2025. Position open until filled.

Stipend Amount:

\$5,600 for the 320 hour fellowship project

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.