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Foodlink Career Fellowship recruiting for Class of 2021

Culinary training program's next class begins this fall

ROCHESTER – Rochester-area residents who have experienced barriers to employment but have a passion for cooking are encouraged to apply now to Foodlink's one-of-a-kind culinary training program.

The Foodlink Career Fellowship is a unique job-training and anti-poverty program – and the first New York State-approved cook apprenticeship. Foodlink is accepting applications all summer for the Class of 2021, which begins its yearlong journey in September.

The curriculum includes nine months of a paid apprenticeship, combining classroom and on-the-job learning with an externship at a local employer. Participants learn essential cooking techniques, earn industry credentials, as well as the hard skills needed in large-scale food production. Foodlink staff will facilitate job offers for all graduates, with a focus on livable wage jobs and opportunities for professional development.

All applicants must be nominated by a community-based organization or mentor. Visit **FoodlinkNY.org** to download the application. For questions about the program, please contact Foodlink's Career Empowerment Initiatives team at **fcfellowship@foodlinkny.org**.

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About Foodlink

For more than 40 years, Foodlink has leveraged the power of food to end hunger and build healthier communities in Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. Through good stewardship, innovation and collaboration, Foodlink mobilizes a diverse network of community partners to address both the symptoms and root causes of food insecurity.

Foodlink's community health programs provide new access points to nutritious and affordable food in underserved communities. We empower individuals and families to make healthy choices through nutrition and culinary education initiatives. Through our food bank, we distribute nearly 20 million pounds of food annually to a network of nonprofit partners. The Foodlink Community Kitchen nourishes thousands of children daily with healthy meals, slices locally grown apples that are distributed throughout New York, and prepares people for careers in the regional food industry through a one-of-a-kind career empowerment program. Learn more about how we are transforming lives and creating healthy futures for every community we serve at www.FoodlinkNY.org, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @foodlinkny.

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