



Great things happen when people launch culinary careers at Foodlink—they find confidence, purpose and the sustainable means to put food on the table.

Nomination period open now

The Foodlink Career Fellowship is a unique, 12-month job-training, apprenticeship and anti-poverty program designed for people 18+ who face barriers to sustainable employment — and who are passionate about having a career in the regional culinary arts and food-service industry.

This yearlong training includes nine months of a paid apprenticeship; combining classroom and on-the job learning with an externship at a local employer. Graduating Fellows are prepared for middle-skills positions in the food industry with essential cooking techniques, industry credentials as well as the hard skills needed in large-scale food production.

The dynamic learning environment also helps Fellows develop the soft skills essential to successful careers in fast-paced environments. Fellows learn from a combination of online training and daily assignments in the state-of-the-art, commercial kitchen at Foodlink. They also enjoy field trips, guest speakers and demonstrations and receive family-style class meals, a knife kit, culinary uniforms and intensive one-on-one coaching.

Participants must be nominated by community-based organizations

Foodlink's community partners are critical to the success of the Career Fellowship program. Community-based organizations or Community Mentors help us recruit participants who are motivated and ready to learn, in spite of past challenges related to living in poverty. Once a nomination package is completed, interviews and job shadows will take place, and participants will be selected for the upcoming Fellowship class.

Do you know an eligible potential candidate?

- Ready to commit to a year-long full time intensive training program.
- Must have strong desire and dedication to establish a career in food service and the culinary arts
- Is 18 or older and facing significant barriers to middle-skill, sustainable employment

For more information please contact Foodlink's Career Empowerment Initiatives team at FCFellowship@FoodlinkNY.org

For more than 40 years, Foodlink has leveraged the power of food to end hunger and build healthier communities in a 10-county region around Rochester and the Finger Lakes. 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.

