

Farmshare Austin 501(c)3

farmshareaustin.org

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Our mission is to ensure all members of the Austin, Texas community have access to highly nutritious, locally grown organic produce.

To achieve our mission, **Farmshare Austin (FSA)** will engage in the following activities:

1) Education: FSA will establish an educational program to teach organic farming skills to aspiring farmers. This program will teach sustainability and traditional organic growing methods, as well as practical business principles for the initiation and maintenance of a successful organic farm. This program will help ensure that more people go into the field of organic farming, thus strengthening our local food system.

2) Food accessibility: FSA will make locally grown organic produce more accessible to low income communities. To meet this goal, FSA will establish a fund to purchase produce directly from local farmers at or below wholesale prices. FSA will work by itself and with farms and nonprofits to ensure that this produce gets distributed to those in need through donation and cost-sharing programs.

3) Research: FSA will conduct research that will help organic farmers move towards higher sustainability, and, therefore, the capacity to grow organic produce for years to come. Research topics include ones such as moving from plastic to organic mulches, the reuse of drip tape, composting, and seed preservation. The nonprofit's main interest is to understand the connections between sustainability and productivity as they relate to organic growing.

4) Farmland Preservation: FSA will develop a farmland preservation program with the goal of securing an adequate and reliable food producing resource base for the community. This land could be rented to beginning and or local farmers through long-term lease arrangements. Securing such a land base for farmers will allow FSA to further meet its mission of ensuring all members of our community have access to locally grown organic produce now and in the future.

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Farmshare Austin is accelerating organic farming knowledge to scale organic food access in Central Texas by- offering on farm education and training to aspiring farmers, facilitating research for organic and sustainable farming practices, preserving land and natural resources needed for farming, and facilitating innovative giving programs that put organic food in the homes of those who are most food insecure.