Dear Community Kitchen Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Community Kitchen Academy Training Program. Our training is 12 weeks long from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The kitchen is located at Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, 228 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT.

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Please retain this letter as it contains vital information about the application process.

Enclosed is the application for admission to our program. An online application is available at www.vtfoodbank.org. Please return the completed application to the address listed below. Applications must have a current working phone number where a message can be left. If we are unable to reach you at the phone number supplied, your application will be incomplete and therefore, not considered.

Applicants must be able to meet the following requirements:
- At least 18 years old
- Possess basic literacy skills and speak English
- Underemployed or unemployed
- Able to meet low income requirements
- Desire to work in the food service industry
- Have the legal right to work in the U.S.
- Provide documentation of High School Graduation or GED (or currently in progress)
- Pass structured interview with CKA Chef Instructor
- Able to commit fully to 12-week program. Daily attendance is required. Students must be on time and prepare to stay the entire length of the program.
- Physically able to stand and work for 6 hours, able to lift 50 lbs, able to perform frequent bending and tolerate a hot kitchen environment
- Able to follow multi-step instructions in a fast-paced environment
- Capable of the manual dexterity required for proper knife use
- Have childcare, transportation and housing arrangements in order
- Adhere to host agencies drug, alcohol and tobacco policies.
- Provide information about any criminal background / history. Applicants will not be accepted into the CKA program if they are a registered sex offender, a violent criminal offender or listed on the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry

We are looking forward to receiving your application. Thank you in advance for starting the application process.

Sincerely,
Jim Logan, Chef Instructor
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf | 228 North Winooski Ave | Burlington VT 05401
jlogan@cvoeeo.org | (ph) 802-540-2572 | cell 802.999.3186 | (fax) 802-860-3663
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Date ________________

Name____________________________________________________________

Phone (Home) ___________________________ (Cell)________________________

Physical Address____________________________________________________

City________________________ State__________ Zip________________________

Mailing Address (if different) __________________________________________

City________________________ State__________ Zip________________________

E-mail________________________

Last 4 digits SSN: xxxx- xxxx - _____ Age ______ Date of Birth _____________

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone)_____________________________________

REFERRAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about the CKA Program? ________________________________

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a Case Worker/Case Manager/Employment Team Member?

Name_______________________________ Phone __________________________

Email _____________________________ Agency _____________________________

SUBSIDIES

Financial assistance is available to income qualified applicants. We will work with you to determine eligibility for the following subsidies. Which organizations are you currently actively working with?

☐ Dept of Labor / WIOA ☐ Voc Rehab ☐ Reach Up ☐ VSAC

☐ Don’t Know ☐ Other: ______________________
EDUCATION

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Can you provide documented proof of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Have you ever attended college or educational training programs?

Please describe:__________________________________________________________

EMPLOYMENT

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have any prior food service experience or education?

Please describe:__________________________________________________________

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Are you currently employed?

If Yes, where?  __________________________________________________________

How many hours per week?  _______________  Current position:  ______________________

HOUSING / TRANSPORTATION

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have secure housing for all of the 12 weeks?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have transportation and are able to commute to our class location every day?

Please describe:__________________________________________________________

CHILDCARE

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If applicable, do you have adequate childcare for the 12 week session?

Please describe:__________________________________________________________

LEGAL INFORMATION

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have any felony convictions?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Have you ever been convicted of a sex offense or violent crime?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Are you listed in the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  Are you working with a parole officer?

Applicants will not be accepted into the CKA program if they are a registered sex offender, a violent criminal offender or listed on the Child Abuse and Vulnerable Populations registry.

If you have a felony conviction, you must complete an additional application through the Community Justice Center. Contact: Christine Longmore, Offender Workforce Development Specialist, 200 Church Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 865-7574.
HEALTH HISTORY

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have any medical conditions, handicaps, or impairments that make certain work or physical activities difficult for you?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have a disability that substantially limits major life activities? (Examples: mental illness, physical disability, substances abuse, development/learning disability)

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have a food borne illness that prevents you from working with food?

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION and COMPOSITION

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Do you have the legal right to work in the U.S?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Are you able to speak and read English?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  Have you ever served in the armed forces?

Total # of People in Household? ____

Head of Household (check box that applies)

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Food & Nutrition

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<th>Are you receiving 3Squares VT (Food Stamps)?</th>
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<td>Have you ever received Food Stamps before?</td>
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<td>If not, would you like to apply for 3SquaresVT/Food Stamps?</td>
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Check off all sources of income received in the past 6 months for all members of your household:

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**Total Monthly Income:**

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**Total Monthly Income for ALL household members:** $_________ x 12 = $_________

Are you able to support yourself financially during the training?  □ Yes    □ No

**NON-CASH BENEFITS**

Check off all benefits received in the past 6 months for all members of your household:

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**COMMITMENT**

Community Kitchen Academy is a statewide program of the Vermont Foodbank in local partnership with Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf to operate CKA Burlington.
The CKA program is located at CEFS, 228 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT. The program is **12 WEEKS** long and **REQUIRES** attendance from: **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday.**

(only a very small number of excused absences are allowable)

- □ Yes  □ No Are you able to commit to the full schedule for all of the 12 weeks?
- □ Yes  □ No Are you willing to adhere to policies and procedures related to attendance, punctuality and other course requirements?
- □ Yes  □ No Are you able to commit to full or part time employment upon graduation?

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- □ Yes  □ No Are you able to lift 50 pounds?
- □ Yes  □ No Are you able to work in a hot / humid environment?
- □ Yes  □ No Are you able to stand for 6 hours?
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**TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

*Please initial after each one that you agree to each requirement.*

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Please describe any reason why you are unable to agree to any of the above requirements:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Confidential Information
It is our policy at CEFS to respect your privacy, guard your personal information, and to keep you informed of your rights.

Inter-Disciplinary Teams
CEFS staff may share information about you with the State of Vermont, contractors, and other service providers for the purpose of engaging in identifying, coordinating, planning, arranging, and providing services to you in and to help you to receive the services for which you are applying.

Program Administration
CEFS staff will use and share individually identifiable information as required by our funding sources for the purposes of program administration. Examples include reporting, billing, and recordkeeping.

Certification
I give my word that the information that I provide in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information that assistance may be denied.

Right to Appeal or Request a Variance
You have the right to appeal a denial or decision. Contact the CEFS at 802-860-3663.

Disclaimer and Signature:
I release Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), and Vermont Foodbank from any liability as a result of such contract. Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), and Vermont Foodbank are not responsible for personal injury or damage, loss, or theft of my personal property. I understand that if I am accepted into the program, I will not be paid wages for work, but will receive the benefit of culinary training, life skills classes, and job placement assistance. I also understand that continued enrollment will be based on completion of job-related physical examinations and successfully meeting training requirements.

Signature __________________________ Date ______________________

Please return this application to:

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Chef Instructor Community Kitchen Academy
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office: 802.540.2571 | cell: 802.999.3186