

Meat and Seafood Associate

The Woodstock Farmers Market is a bustling year round fresh market of fantastic food which generates over \$8 million in annual sales. We're a classic "small giant": while our footprint is modest, we have created a dynamic fresh foods market with many facets—from our varied national and regional specialty products and our commitment to local produce and meats to our prepared foods kitchen and catering department to our innovative open book finance system and our service crazy staff.

Our Meat and Seafood team is a key component of our fresh offerings. We are committed to sourcing the freshest seafood north and west of Boston—we know the best wholesalers and have direct relationships with many fish mongers that visit the fish market every day. We know where our beef, pork and chicken are sourced and take great pride in knowing the food chain. "Farmers" (as we are called) is a proud member of the Good Food Retailers Collaborative one of 20 of the most innovative and cutting edge independent markets in the country. Woodstock, Vermont is an outstanding and friendly town that combines outstanding arts, culture, outdoor sports with ease to NYC and Boston.

General Duties: Meat/Seafood Associates are full and part time non-supervisory positions within the department. This can often be an entry level position within the department. General responsibilities include cutting and weighing of fish and meat, receiving deliveries, servicing guests and merchandizing the meat and fish cases. He/she works closely with the supervisor in regards to meat needs. In addition the Meat/Seafood associate will learn to open and close the department. It is a full-on customer service job located on the floor of the store, often standing behind the meat and seafood counters for many hours at a time.

Qualifications/Our Needs:

- Outstanding Organization Skills He/she must be able to prioritize projects.
- Excellent Day Planning: Understanding the daily and weekly prep lists and the prioritization of tasks is critical.
- Good Math Skills
- Good Merchandising Skills: Must be able to create and sustain great looking displays in the cases.
- Being Calm Under Pressure: Working with guests and co workers on the deli line is challenging when busy.
- Applicant should have a strong interest in food.
- Outstanding sanitation skills. Keeps the high WFM standard in both the meat and seafood area and on the floor of the store.
- Good physical condition: must be able to lift 40 to 50 lb and stand on your feet for 8 hours.

- Clean and neat: This is a service position with direct contact with customers therefore outstanding hygiene is a big qualifier: clean clothes, showering everyday, etc.
- Being positive in mind and spirit.
- Love of Service: actively looking for ways to help people while enjoying it. This is a service job: 24/7 customer service at the counter, taking orders on the phone, advising customers on selection/choice is a part of the position.
- Outstanding Team play: Able to work with a group of people in the spirit of team play, understanding that we are all in the game together.

Time Commitment: This is a full time/part time job. We estimate about 40 hours a week. At least one weekend day is required. Holidays, especially the 4th quarter and summer are our busiest times and require planning and commitment.

Education: This job requires a minimum of 1-2 years in a related work environment.

Compensation: \$15 +/- depending on qualifications and experience. Simple IRA, Health Insurance and Short Term Disability after vesting periods; staff discount.