



WA STATE FOOD WORKER CARD

REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COMMUNITY FOOD EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS IN CLASSES

All Community Food Education class volunteers must have a WA State Food Worker Card before the start of volunteering.

Every class volunteer position (Cooking Facilitator, Nutrition Facilitator, and Class Assistant) requires the handling of unpackaged food.

WA State Department of Health states: “You are a food worker if you work with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or with any surface where people put unwrapped food.”

We are asking for your help with the following:

- **Please plan to have a valid food worker card prior to signing up to volunteer for a Nutrition Education course.**
- If you currently have a food worker card, please provide a copy either by email (shanam@solid-ground.org) or fax (Attention: Community Food Education, 206-694-6777.)
- If you need a card, please visit this site: www.foodworkercard.wa.gov to apply for the card on-line. There is a **\$10 fee** and it takes 45 minutes to view the training and complete the test. Once you’ve completed the test, please provide a copy of the card to us via email or fax.
- If you have other questions about obtaining your card or need to know the nearest location to take the test in person, please see the [DOH website](#) for more detailed information.

Other important information about the card:

- There is a \$10 fee for the test
- The test is available both online and at any local health department
- A new Food Worker Card lasts for 2 years, and if you renew your old card, it will be good for 3 years.
- This card is valid for any work or volunteer position that requires food handling anywhere in the state of WA

If you have any hardships with the \$10 fee, or if you have questions about our requirements or our volunteer process, please contact Shana McCann, Community Food Education Coordinator: shanam@solid-ground.org or 206-694-6869.