

2008 Sliding scale and Scholarship Fund

How much does a share cost?

Again this year the FSF CSA is instituting a new payment policy called a sliding scale. Sliding scales allow for everyone in our community to pay based on their ability, while maintaining a fair wage for the farmers. At the center of the scale is the actual cost of growing the food. The low end of the scale is about \$5 less each week of the 24 week season, the high end \$5 more.

Full shares: standard rate (cost of growing the food plus \$25 admin fee): \$540 (app. \$21 per week).
sliding scale: \$420 (app. \$16 per week) to \$660 (app. \$26 per week).

Partial shares: standard rate (cost of growing the food plus \$25 admin fee): \$395 (app. \$16 per week).
The sliding scale: \$275 (app. \$11 per week) to \$515 (app. \$21 per week).

Each household decides where they fit on the scale and writes in that amount on their contract. If the total contract amounts are lower than the cost of producing the shares, we will ask the membership to make up the difference. If the amounts are higher, we will contribute the excess to the scholarship fund to further assist our low-income members.

The scholarship fund

The Fair Share Farm CSA is raising money for a fund to further subsidize the cost of the shares for our low-income members. The fundraising project for 2008 is the sale of one-of-a-kind CSA tote bags hand-crafted by Lindsay Medoff. These bags were designed specifically for carrying a CSA share and bear original artwork & design by Crystal Rice & Jes Owings, FSF CSA members. Tote bags cost \$21 with appr. \$4 from each sale going to the scholarship fund. Monetary donations to the scholarship fund are also appreciated.