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2017 Limited Income Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Membership Application

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The aim of **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)** is to build a healthy community by providing a local, organic food supply and by re-establishing a relationship between the community and the farmer. It is a partnership—the community members support the farm and farmers directly for an entire season and in return receive a share in the weekly harvest. This partnership increases community involvement in food production and in the health of the local economy and environment.

The **UCSC Farm's CSA program**, part of the *Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture*, is a training ground for 40 apprentices in crop planning, cultivation techniques, harvest methods and community outreach and education. Members of the CSA receive a weekly share throughout the harvest season, beginning in early June and continuing for approximately 22 weeks.

The UCSC Farm is committed to making our CSA program accessible to individuals and families of all economic backgrounds. To ensure this, we are offering low-income memberships at the half-price rate (\$280) for our growing season. To apply, please complete the following information. Acceptance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis and is available to those applicants who demonstrate the greatest need. EBT cards are accepted for food benefits.

Name (s) _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip

Home # _____

Occupation _____

Cell or Work # _____

Spouse / Partner's

Occupation (if applicable) _____ Email _____

If you are a student, can a parent or guardian claim you as a dependent on their IRS federal tax form? _____

Combined monthly income \$ _____ Add'l income \$ _____
e.g. child support, etc.

Number of children supported by the applicant / family? _____ Monthly expenses \$ _____

Circle one category below – A, B, or C, and complete:

A. Individual / family receives public assistance – circle one that applies:

SNAP (EBT card) Social Security Unemployment Disability AFDC # _____ Medical # _____

B. Income – circle one if gross monthly income is under (over 5 people, add \$678 per person):

\$1,946 (1 person) \$2,622 (2 people) \$3,300 (3 people) \$3,976 (4 people) \$4,652 (5 people)

C. Individual / family income is over category B guidelines, but feel assistance is needed. Please explain:

➡ **Required:** Please explain your reasons for requesting a low-income membership to the UCSC Farm CSA (cont. back of page), and, if you file taxes, include a copy of last year's IRS federal tax return 1040, pages 1 and 2 (income and signature/date).