

Blackwood Bounty Community Supported Agriculture Program: Host-Site FAQs

What is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program?

CSA programs are a model of direct sales initially developed by farmers in the early 20th century with the intention of creating a more cooperative relationship between a farmer and their community. The basic idea is that consumers buy a “share” of the farm in advance, which supports seasonal cultivation and maintenance costs, and then reap the rewards with weekly deliveries of fresh produce once harvest season begins. This model allows farmers and customers to form a more intentional relationship which ultimately helps to grow economic and educational opportunities and build more resilient communities.

How does the Blackwood Bounty program operate?

Blackwood Bounty is a traditional CSA model with a twist. In addition to our production farming efforts, we also educate our community about the necessity for regenerative agriculture, empower individuals with the knowledge to make healthy decisions, and facilitate access to good, nourishing produce through our non-profit on site.

The basic format remains the standard invest-in-advance for a future share that season. Commitment lengths vary seasonally, but typically run 6-12 weeks and are organized as a standard weekly delivery. (Note: Host locations are never responsible for the handling of Blackwood Bounty share payments.) We offer a farm share valued at \$40/week intended to feed a family of 2-4. It is filled with 5-10 different varieties of produce each week depending on the harvest schedule.

What do you look for in a Blackwood Bounty host?

There are a few logistical basics necessary for operating a successful CSA program. In addition to being a community-based or community-engaged organization, we look for host locations who fit the following:

- Maintain regular business hours of operation
- Are able to ensure reasonable parking availability for members during pick-up hours
- Can provide a staff member or volunteer to oversee share drop-off and member pick-up
- Have reasonable accommodations for storing share boxes the day of pick-up

What is the Blackwood Bounty standard delivery and pick-up schedule?

Produce for CSA shares is harvested within 24 hours of member pick-up and are delivered day-of. Currently, Blackwood makes all deliveries to the Houston area on Tuesday afternoons. We ask host sites to offer at least a 3-hour window of opportunity for members to pick up their shares on the set delivery day.

What does my organization receive in return for being a host site for the Blackwood Bounty?

Blackwood does not offer financial compensation for host sites. Instead, we believe that hosts will find rewarding compensation inherently in our collaboration as well as in the educational and community development efforts facilitated by our program.

Have more questions? Interested in becoming a Blackwood Bounty host site?

We are so grateful! Please contact the Farm Director, Amy Milliron at [832-207-3200](tel:832-207-3200) or amy@blackwoodliving.com for more information or to get started!