

The Somerville Arts Council presents:

# Nibble Culinary Entrepreneur Program



**Do you like to cook? Would you like to explore a culinary career?  
Then this program might be for you!**

**ABOUT** The Nibble Entrepreneurship Program is a City of Somerville initiative to support members of our immigrant communities to learn about possible career opportunities in the food industry. So, if you like to cook and are interested in pursuing a culinary career — you may be interested in this opportunity. We offer a series of workshops; the sessions will be taught by a rotating group of city employees, business professionals and food business owners. The program also provides vending opportunities to qualified participants. Workshops will take place on Tuesday evenings, from 6-8pm, beginning in early January, 2024 (exact date to be determined). **COST:** This program costs \$100; but qualified applicants will receive financial support and will only have to pay \$25.

**INTRODUCTORY INTERVIEW:** Please fill out this form, send to us and we will set up an interview with you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What is your level of English? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled in an ESL program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to meet on Mon, Tues or Wed evenings, from 6-8pm? \_\_\_\_\_

## What experience do you have cooking?

Do you cook for large gatherings? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have catering experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have restaurant experience? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, What kind of experience?  
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Do you have written down recipes for your dishes? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you sold your food at festivals, church functions, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience teaching others how to cook? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of cuisine is your specialty? \_\_\_\_\_



City of Somerville, Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

### What would you like to learn in this culinary business program?

-How to find a job at a food business, like a restaurant? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-How to start your own food business — if yes, what kind of food business?

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-Learning about Health permits YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-Learning about food packaging and distribution YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-Learning about financing a new food business YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-How to produce family recipes for large groups/restaurants YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

### Program Opportunitites

-Do you have interest in running Nibble Kitchen restaurant 2-3 shifts per week?  
YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-Do you have interest in teaching cooking classes? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

-Would you like to sell your food at markets/festivals? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Tell us if you have other specific ideas about how to earn money from cooking —and/or what you'd like to learn about the food business.

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### Send this application to:

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### Questions

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### Deadline: December 18th, 2023

### How we will select participants

This is a small program; we hope to select 8-10 participants. Preference may be given to Somerville residents who have solid cooking experience and either speak English or are enrolled ESL classes. Nibble primarily serves low-moderate income global cooks — due to our funding streams and mission. Nibble especially seeks cooks who make cuisine from their native countries.