The Somerville Arts & Culture Presents:

The Nibble Entrepreneurship Program

A Culinary & Cultural Entrepreneurship Program

Do you love cooking? Have you always been curious about starting a food business or want to explore the possibility of a culinary career? Are you interested in showcasing your culture through your food? Do you want to join a community of like-minded food lovers and storytellers? The Nibble Program could be for you!

About The Nibble Entrepreneurship Program is an initiative by the City of Somerville to help members of our immigrant and underserved communities learn about potential career and cultural opportunities in the food industry. The entry point into the Nibble Program is our 8-Week Workshop Series; essentially a crash course in food business careers, ownership and operations. Sessions will be led by a rotating group of City employees, business professionals, and food business owners. The program also offers sales opportunities to qualified participants via Nibble Kitchen restaurant, Farmers' Markets, Festivals, and more! Workshops will likely be held on Tuesdays, from 6-8 p.m., beginning in early January 2027.

COST: This program costs $100; financial support up to 100% is available for qualified participants.

To register, fill out this form and send it to the address below.

Name _____
Email _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
What is your level of English? _____
Are you enrolled in a program of ESL?_____
Are you available to meet Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8pm?_____

What cooking experience do you have?

Do you cook for large gatherings? _____
Do you have catering experience? _____
Do you have restaurant expereince? _____ If so, what kind of experience?
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Do you have written down recipes for your dishes? _____
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Do you have experience teaching others how to cook?_____
What type of cuisine is your specialty?_____

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What would you like to learn in this culinary business and cultural storytelling program?

- How to find a job at a food business, like a restaurant? YES____ NO____

- How to start your own food business YES____ NO____ - 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 Opportunities

-Are you interested in running Nibble Kitchen restaurant 2 - 3 times a week? YES____ NO ____
-Are you interested in teaching cooking classes? YES____ NO ____
-Would you like to sell your food at markets/festivals? YES____ NO ____

How could you use your food to share your story and culture?

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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, 15 2026

How we will select participants This is a small program; we hope to select 8-14 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.

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