



Guidelines for Nonprofit Organizations Requesting Space at the Market

The Edenton Farmers Market (EFM) welcomes requests for space at the market from nonprofit organizations for both informational and fund-raising purposes.

The EFM Board reviews requests and makes decisions using the following guidelines to ensure that proposed activities enhance the Market and its mission:

1. Space is given only to organizations, not to individuals (for example, individuals raising money for someone else, candidates running for office, etc.).
2. Priority for space is given to organizations which are market-related in some manner (see the EFM mission statement below).
3. Fundraising:
 - a. Any fundraising should not compete with the sales of regular Market vendors. (Exceptions can be made only in consultation with regular Market vendors who might be affected.)
 - b. Any products sold must meet North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services requirements equal to those of regular Market vendors.
4. Organizations will not be given space at the market for political campaigning or religious activities.

Priority for space at the Market should be given to regular Market vendors; even if a nonprofit organization and its activities fit within the guidelines, space at the Market is not guaranteed.

EFM Mission Statement: The mission of the Edenton Farmers Market is to:

- provide accessibility to healthful, regionally grown or produced food for all residents and visitors, regardless of income level
- provide an educational forum for consumers to learn the uses and benefits of quality, locally grown or prepared food products that will improve the health of the community
- provide local farmers and producers a venue to sell their products directly to consumers
- enhance the quality of life in Edenton and Chowan County by providing a community activity which fosters social gathering, sharing of information about food and healthful living and expansion of local business opportunities.

Examples of organizations who have been given space at the market:

- Chowan County Extension Office Programs:
 - Master Food Volunteers' Donation Station (to assist the Edenton Chowan Food Pantry)
 - Master Gardeners (information table and plant sales)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) (plant sales)

- Mayor's Taskforce for Litter Prevention, Recycling, and the Environment
- ECU Health (wellness clinics and health screenings)
- Trillium Health Resources (mental health information)
- Albemarle Hopeline (domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and victim assistance)
- NC Medicaid Enrollment Broker (North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services)
- Edenton Lions Club (raffle tickets and broom sales, to assist the visually impaired)