

Open Call: Documentary Filmmaker Scholarship

Cook the Farm Sicily 2026

10 Years of Food, Place & Community

To mark a decade of immersive food education, [Cook the Farm](#) is offering one full scholarship to a documentary filmmaker ready to capture the heart of this experience.

Cook the Farm (CTF) is more than a program—it's a philosophy rooted in land, tradition, and culture. Held at the **Anna Tasca Lanza Cooking School in rural Sicily**, CTF invites participants from around the world to live, cook, learn, and grow together over six transformative weeks. Now, we're looking for a visual storyteller to help us share what this journey truly means. Alongside an international group of participants, you will document what makes this experience transformative: **the deep connections between food, place, and community.**

What You'll Do:

As our selected filmmaker, you'll immerse yourself in the program—living alongside participants, joining field visits, and experiencing daily life in Valledolmo.

You will create:

- A 20–30 minute documentary exploring the “why” and “how” of Cook the Farm
- 4–5 short promotional clips (30–60 seconds each) for social media use

Together, these deliverables should express:

- What Cook the Farm is—not just logistically, but philosophically
- How food connects us to land, history, identity, and each other
- The cultural and emotional shifts that happen when people engage food through place (speaking with participants, alumni, guest experts, and the CTF team)
- What happens when diverse people come together to live and learn through food?

What You'll Receive:

- Full tuition, room, and board for the [6-week program](#) (Feb 12 – Mar 27, 2026)
- Access to all programming, field visits, and events
- On-the-ground support to coordinate interviews, locations, and content

How to Apply:

1. Please submit a 2–4 minute video introducing yourself and sharing why you're passionate about the project at [this Dropbox link](#).
2. Let us know you have submitted the video by sending us an email at cookthefarm@annatascalanza with the following:
 - A brief written statement outlining your creative vision
 - A link to your portfolio or samples of past work

Deadline to Apply: September 1st, 2025

Final Deliverables Due: 1 Month After Program Completion (May 1st, 2026)