

Farm Application for the Farm Network & Apprentice Link

*****BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR APPLICATION:** Note that this application process requires references, both of consumers of your farm products (including CSA members, wholesale buyers, or restaurants) and previous employees of your farm (if you wish to be listed on Apprentice Link.)

This provides OGS with some "third party assurance" as to farms' credibility in both grower/consumer and employer/employee relationships.

If your farms' timeline does not allow submission of references, (i.e. you are in your first year offering apprenticeships, or your first year growing things for the public) we absolutely understand and by no means want to exclude farms that fall under this category. Please note this in your application.

THIS APPLICATION, DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH INFORMATION YOU HAVE COMPILED FOR YOUR FARM, MAY TAKE UP TO 45 MINUTES TO FILL OUT AND CAN NOT BE RETURNED TO ONCE BEGAN. Please make sure you set aside an adequate amount of time to fully complete your application, as well as making sure you have the aforementioned reference information available.***

Welcome to the Organic Growers School Farm Network Application! This application and all contact information provided will be submitted to the Organic Growers School and is subject to review. The OGS Farm Network intends to highlight organic and sustainable farm products for potential customers as well as listing potential farm work opportunities (if available). If accepted, the information provided in the following application will be included on the OGS Farm Network and/or Apprentice Link public listings unless otherwise indicated. Please note that all questions marked with an ** asterisk ** are required.

To be included in this listing, Organic Growers School will review each application to determine each of the following criteria has been met by the applicant:

- Active engagement in the local community through participation in outreach and education as well as organic support systems.
- Use of organic/sustainable production methods (Organic Certification is not required).
- Dedication to training new farmers by providing education as a pinnacle element of the apprenticeship program, if offered.

If your application is accepted (which requires review by OGS as well as responses from your provided references), you will receive an email letting you know your listing will be posted.

We will be in touch! Thank you for applying.

* 1. Farm Name:

2. Farm Website:

* 3. Contact (PLEASE NOTE: Any information will be listed publicly on your profile unless you specify to NOT share it.)

Name

Address or location

Email

Phone Number

* 4. What is the best way and best time for customers or potential apprentices to contact you?

By phone in the evening.

By phone during the day.

By e-mail.

Other (please specify)

* 5. When would you like your reminder e-mail to update your listing? *This question is for OGS purposes only and will not be on your public listing.*

6. Have you been farming for ten years or less? *This is for grant reporting purposes and will not be posted on your application. We're trying to determine the percentage of our applicants that qualify as "beginning farmers". If you are simply applying on behalf of a farm but do not represent the demographic of the farm owner(s)/manager(s), please do not respond.*

Yes

No

* 7. General Farm Description: *How would you describe your farm? What products do you grow/raise? What are some of your farms most strongly held values? What are your farming practices? How much land do you work? How long have you been on that land? How many other employees do you have? etc...*

* 8. What is the best way to describe your farm, from the options below?

- Market/production farm
- Educational farm
- Homestead
- Non-profit organization
- Agritourism-based service (ie; event space, farm/nature tours)
- Other (please specify)

9. Where can people find your farm products? *List tailgate markets you attend, restaurants/stores you to sell to, CSA, farm stands, etc.*

* 10. Do you have any third party certifications (not required)?

- Not applicable
- USDA Organic
- Demeter (biodynamic)
- Naturally Grown
- Animal Welfare Approved
- Living Wage Certified
- Appalachian Grown
- Other (please specify)

* 11. Please check all applicable categories of products that your farm produces and markets, for easy listing purposes.

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Beef
- Pork
- Chicken (meat)

- Duck (meat)
- Goose (meat)
- Turkey
- Lamb
- Goat (meat)
- Cured meat products
- Eggs (duck)
- Eggs (chicken)
- Eggs (goose)
- Goat (dairy)
- Cow (dairy)
- Sheep (dairy)
- Flowers
- Sauces
- Jams
- Canned foods
- Workshops
- Event space
- B&B services
- Farm tours
- Herbs
- Mushrooms
- Other (please specify). If you indicated that your farm offers value-added products and/or agritourism activities that are not listed, please specify.

12. Is the farm open to the public?

- Yes
- No

If yes, when and in what capacity?

13. Do you host events on the farm?

Yes

No

How can people find out about them? Link to your events page on your website, facebook page, etc.

* 14. Please provide at least two names and contact information of customer references. Any references provided will be asked for a written reference of your farm products. **Please note that we will not post your listing without responses from these references, so choose responsive individuals!** *These can be members of your CSA, customers from tailgate markets, restaurants, or wholesale accounts you sell to. We will not publish any contact information provided below.*

Reference name,
association with your farm,
phone, and email.

Reference name,
association with your farm,
phone, and email.

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association with your farm,
phone and email.

* 15. Are you looking for additional outlets for selling your products? *If so, we'll be happy to list you on our Farm Network page as well as advertise your products periodically on our blog.*

Yes

No

* 16. Do you have apprenticeship opportunities on your farm that you wish to have listed on Apprentice Link?

Yes

No

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Apprentice Link Employment Opportunity Details

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* 17. Are you currently hiring?

Yes

No

* 18. Type of Employment

Year-long employment

Summer

Part-time hourly

Spring/Summer/Fall

Fall

Full-time hourly

Spring

Winter

Volunteer

Please clarify your answers with specific dates/months, etc. if applicable.

19. Describe a general work week and any other farm or social involvement you expect from applicants.

20. Employment Start and End Dates

	Month	Day
Start	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
End	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you chose "Flexible", please explain.

21. Describe what kinds of compensation you'll be providing. Please include hourly wages (if any), stipends (if any), educational opportunities, and information on room and board, including produce and/or meal sharing.

22. What makes your corner of the world lively? This can include towns, cities, schools, hiking, or camping within 30 miles of your farm. Describe the physical setting of your farm and/or community surrounding your farm.

23. What kinds of values and experience are you hoping applicants will come to you with? Are there any special requirements for apprentices to work on your farm (i.e. their own transportation, physical abilities, etc.)? Please be specific.

* 24. When do you actively accept apprenticeship applications?

	Month to	Month
From	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

25. Link to Apprentice Application page/information on your farm website

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References

Please, provide names and contact information for at least three apprentice/employees from the last five years. Please specify two to be contacted for a written reference. If you have not had apprentices on your farm yet, please list other work references. In order to post your application, we will need to have at least two reference responses. This question is for OGS purposes only and contact information provided will not be on your public listing. Reviews provided by references will be available to the public.

* 26. Reference Information

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

**Year they worked with
you:**

**Should we contact them
for a written reference?**

* 27. Reference Information

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

**Year they worked with
you:**

**Should we contact them
for a written reference?**

* 28. Reference Information

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

**Year they worked with
you:**

**Should we contact them
for a written reference?**

29. Reference Information

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Year they worked with
you:

Should we contact them
for a written reference?

* 30. Are you a member of the WNC CRAFT Farmer Network?

Yes

No

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CRAFT Network Involvement

* 31. Would you consider your farm very active in the CRAFT network, somewhat active, or inactive? This question is for OGS purposes only and will not be on your public listing.

- Very active member
- Somewhat active member
- Inactive member

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Feedback

32. Do you have any feedback thusfar on this application process, or any questions you wish to be answered? We will get back to you as soon as possible.