

**BEGINNING FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM
WNY FARM INCUBATOR
CCE NIAGARA COUNTY**

DATE: _____

A) GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address City Zip Code

Telephone: Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact- Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Are you 18 years or older? Yes ____ No ____

Are you active military or a US veteran? Yes ____ No ____

B) PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BELOW:

What type of agricultural enterprise are you currently operating/interested in starting? (check all that apply)

- Greenhouse Production Season Extension Vegetables
 Cut flowers Herbs Fruit
 Food Processing/Preparation Livestock (dairy, meat, eggs) Other _____

How did you hear about the CCE Beginning Farmer Certificate Program? _____

What experience (if any) do you have in agriculture or business management?

C) LEGAL HISTORY*

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what was the charge? _____

*Please note: Our insurance requires us to conduct a background check. A criminal record will not necessarily bar an applicant. A criminal record will be considered as it relates to the requirements of the program and use of the property.

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D) Beginning Farmer Certificate Program REQUIREMENTS:

CCE Niagara is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of our community and strongly encourages aspiring farmers from all backgrounds to apply.

Applicants should be committed to learning and passionate about developing a profitable farming enterprise. Strong commitment and effort is required and solid time management skills are essential. Applicants will need to feel comfortable in an educational setting. Parts of the class may require intensive physical effort, a willingness to be outside in adverse weather conditions and to function positively in a team and as part of a collaborative work environment. Applicants will need to arrange their own transportation to the classes.

The Beginning Farmer Certificate program at the WNY Farm Incubator will be held on Tuesday evenings, June 4, 2019 through November 19, 2019 (6:00-8:00pm) at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County (4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY). Attendance is required and poor attendance or tardiness may result in removal from the program.

Certificate in Market Gardening requires attendance of 20 out of 25 classes and 100 hours of field work.

The cost for this certificate program is \$275 plus required reading materials.

I _____ hereby agree to the requirements described above.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

E) CERTIFICATION:

I authorize the verification of the information listed above. I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate. I understand that false information may be grounds for dismissal from the program at any point in the future.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit completed applications and payment by May 22, 2019 to Rich Woodbridge by mail or in-person using the information below:

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County
4487 Lake Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094**

Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted at the office. Checks should be made out to "CCE Niagara"

For any questions, please contact Rich Woodbridge | Phone: 716-433-8839 X221 | E-mail: rgw74@cornell.edu

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