

# 2020 BEGINNING FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM 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)*

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|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Production       | <input type="checkbox"/> Season Extension              | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut flowers                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Processing/Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (dairy, meat, eggs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

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

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## **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, May 12, 2020 through October 6, 2020 (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 18 out of 22 classes and 100 hours of field work.

**The cost for this certificate program is \$400 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**There are a limited number of spaces in the program. To reserve your spot, please submit completed application and payment by April 30, 2020 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 X240 | E-mail: rgw74@cornell.edu**

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