

2024 BEGINNING FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM (APPLICATION FORM)

Date: _____

A) GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Address	City	Zip Code
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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?

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:

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.

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.

The Beginning Farmer Training program will be held on Tuesday evenings, May 21, 2024 through October 8, 2024 (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 Farming requires attendance of 14 out of 17 classes, at least 2 elective classes, and 100 hours of experience.

The cost for the program is \$700.00* and includes instruction, reading materials, and participant supplies.

**(Payment plans are available)*

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 May 10, 2024 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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