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Is the Big River Farms Training Program right for me?

Do I want to be a commercial farmer? (Grow produce to sell and not just for my family)

Am I committed to growing without chemicals and to learning all that is involved in farming sustainably?

Am I able to attend the winter and in-field classes scheduled for weekday evenings (usually Monday or Tuesday)?

Do I have reliable transportation to drive to the farm 2-5 times/week?

Do I have time in my life to commit to being at the farm 10-20 hours/week during the season (March – October)?

Do I have enough financial resources for the program costs and additional fees? Are there ways to find financial assistance?

Do I understand, speak and write English, or is there someone that can be part of my farm team that does?

Do I belong to a group that has been historically underrepresented in farming? (immigrant, person of color, refugee, women, LGBTQ, veteran, low income, other)

Do I like working outside for long hours and have the physical strength and ability required for farming?