



## Young Farmer Grant Program 2023 Application

### ***PRE-APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY QUIZ***

#### ***Eligibility Quiz:***

All applicants must check their eligibility through this quiz before beginning an application.

1. My birthday is:
  - a. Month, Day, Year
2. Which of the following statements most closely resembles your relationship to your farm:
  - a. I am a farm operation owner and work full time on farm.
  - b. I am a farm operation owner and work full time on farm but have an off-farm job as well (including work on a different farm).
  - c. I am a farm operation owner and work part time on farm and part time off farm (including work on a different farm).
  - d. I am a hired farm operation manager of a nonprofit farm, but I am the lead farmer.
  - e. I am a hired farm operation manager of a nonprofit farm, but am not the lead farmer.
  - f. I am an employee of a farm.
  - g. I farm as a hobby.
  - h. I farm as volunteer work.
  - i. I farm to support myself/family but do not operate as a operation.
3. Did you or your operation receive a 2020, 2021, or 2022 Young Farmer Grant?
4. Are you a staff or board member of the National Young Farmers Coalition?

### ***APPLICATION MATERIALS:***

#### ***Applicant Information:***

This section provides us with contact information to reach out to you about your application, as well as some demographic questions to help us understand who we are serving each year through this program.

1. \*First Name
2. \*Last Name
3. \*Please tell us the best ways to reach you:
  - a. \*Email Address
  - b. \*Phone Number

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- c. \* Street Address
  - d. Address 2
  - e. \*City/Town
  - f. \*State
  - g. \*ZIP/Postal Code
4. What is your ethnicity/cultural heritage? (check all that apply)
- a. Black/African American/Afro-Caribbean/African
  - b. Latinx/Chicanx/Hispanic or Latinx Indigenous/Original People
  - c. Indigenous/Original People
  - d. Asian/Asian descent
  - e. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - f. White/European descent
  - g. Not listed above? (please specify)
5. How do you identify your gender identity/ gender expression? (check all that apply)
- a. Agender
  - b. Bi-Gender
  - c. Butch
  - d. Cis / Cisgender
  - e. Feminine
  - f. Femme
  - g. Gender Fluid
  - h. Genderqueer
  - i. Gender Neutral
  - j. Gender-Nonconforming
  - k. Intersex
  - l. Man
  - m. Masculine
  - n. Non-Binary
  - o. Questioning my gender
  - p. Stud
  - q. Trans / Transgender
  - r. Two-Spirit
  - s. Woman
  - t. Prefer not to answer
  - u. Not listed above? (please specify)
6. What is your birthday?
- a. Month, Day, Year

***Farm Information:***

The following section contains some questions to help us understand your farm operation more fully as a supplement to your narrative responses in the rest of the application. None of these questions will disqualify you or win you preference in the review process. Each is designed merely to help us get a fuller picture of your farm.

- 1. \*Farm Name
- 2. Farm Operation Website/ Social Media (if applicable):
  - a. Website
  - b. Facebook
  - c. Instagram Handle
  - d. Twitter Handle
  - e. Other
- 3. \*Are you using this grant to:

- a. Start a new farm/ranch operation.
  - b. Support my farm/ranch operation that is already operating.
4. \*Year you started your farm
5. \*Which of the following statements most closely resembles your relationship to your farm:
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6. In 2023 my farm's operating expenses will be approximately:
  - a.
7. In 2023 I anticipate my farm's gross revenue will be approximately (you may use your 2022 gross revenue if you are not ready to approximate for 2023 yet):
  - a.
8. Financial support for my farm comes from (check all that apply):
  - a. Farmers markets/CSA sales/ other direct-to-consumer product sales
  - b. Wholesale or institutional markets
  - c. Foundation grants
  - d. Angel investors
  - e. Individual contributions
  - f. Family support
  - g. Personal savings
  - h. USDA or state government grant programs (including NRCS and SARE grants)
  - i. FSA or state government loan opportunities
  - j. Other \_\_\_\_\_
9. At peak season, how many employees (full and part time) do you employ?
  - a. Full-time
  - b. Part-time
  - c. I employ only myself/ myself and co-owners

***Narrative Questions:***

The following questions are the bulk of the application and will weigh most heavily on the review process.

1. \*Tell us about your operation as it currently runs, and what you see for 2023. What do you raise/produce, what scale are you operating at now, what else should we know to help us understand your farm/ranch? If you will use this grant to launch your operation, tell us what your plans are for 2023. (250 word limit)
2. \*Tell us about your vision for your operation. What would you like to do in the long term with your operation? Consider potential changes in scale, products, production practices, marketing strategies, community involvement or education efforts, and anything else that you feel is critical to understand your goals. (250 word limit)
3. \* Tell us about the role sustainability and regeneration through land and ecosystem stewardship play in your operation. How do you currently, or how are you planning to, preserve the natural resources on the land you steward or hope to steward for future generations? Sustainability can mean more than just natural resources, what other strategies are you employing to maintain yourself and your farm for the long run? (150 word limit)
4. \*What does "regenerative" farming mean to you? (200 word limit)

5. \* What barriers have you and/or do you currently face related to racism, classism, transphobia, ableism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination in our society's current systems and practices? (200 word limit)
6. \* Young Farmers are up against many different barriers to building successful long term careers in agriculture. Which of the following barriers best encompasses the particular challenge you'd like to use these funds to address? *We recognize these categories are not mutually exclusive, please select whichever feels the most fitting for describing your costs and outcomes; for this question you may select up to 3 challenges over which you would be dividing the grant.*
  - a. Debt (Farm, Personal, or Student-Loans)
  - b. Labor
  - c. Land
  - d. Capital (Infrastructure, equipment, etc)
  - e. Professional Development (for you or your employees)
  - f. Marketing
  - g. Off-Farm Costs
  - h. Other (please specify)
7. \*How would you use this funding to address the barrier to your success that you identified above? (250 word limit)
8. \*Why does this grant program in particular help you meet your funding needs? Have you sought out other potential funding opportunities to cover this cost? (200 word limit)
9. \*Please give approximate percentages to breakdown your intended the distribution of these funds by on or off farm costs:
  - a. Percent of grant used on-farm: [must be between 0 and 100]
  - b. Percent of grant used off-farm: [must be between 0 and 100]
10. \* Please explain exactly how you intend to spend these funds – account for the entire amount of \$5,000 in an itemized list. (150 word limit).
  - a. \*If the funds will be used for an off-farm expense (e.g. housing, student debt, or childcare) please elaborate on **how covering that cost will affect your farm operation** budget and ability to meet your goals in your farm work. (250 word limit)
11. \*If you did not receive this grant, would you use other funds to complete the project/meet the need expressed in this application? If there are not other funds available to you for this request, how does your farming in 2023 look different without the funding from this program? (200 word limit)

**Communication Preferences:**

*Young Farmers and Chipotle will also share the images and stories of some winners, if you would NOT like to be featured in Young Farmers or Chipotle communications beyond the initial announcement, please indicate that below.*

\*1. Tell us about your comfort with being a featured winner if you receive a grant. Being featured is NOT a requirement for selection:

- I am fine with having my story featured on Young Farmers or Chipotle social media.
- I am not sure yet how I feel about being featured on Young Farmers and Chipotle social media. Please check in with me if I receive a grant.
- I would NOT like my image or story shared, should I receive this funding.

\*2. How did you hear about the Young Farmer Grant Program?

- National Young Farmers Coalition emails or social media
- The local Young Farmers Chapter
- Soul Fire Farm communications

- Chipotle social media
- A friend or family member
- Other

***Portrait:***

Please attach a photo of yourself on your operation. We will use this as your bio image when sharing about the recipients of these funds.

\*1. Photo of yourself