



PROGRAM APPLICATION 2018-2019 PROGRAM

PRIMARY APPLICANT

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: (h): _____ (c): _____

Best time to call: _____ Gender: _____

Will a family member or business partner attend SIFB with you?

Yes

No

If yes, **please have partner complete a Partner Application.**

Partner's Name _____

Partner's relationship to you _____

___ I have enclosed a \$50 application fee and understand that, upon acceptance in the program, the fee will be credited to the cost of the program.

___ I am interested in payment plan.

___ I am interested in scholarship information.

Please answer the questions on the following pages, attaching additional sheets if necessary. Mail your application to: Food Works, Box 3855, Carbondale, Illinois, 62902.

FARM INFORMATION

1. What is the name of your farm?

2. Please describe the location where you are currently farming if different from your contact information above:

City/State:

County:

3. What arrangement best describes you in the 2017 growing season?

- Working on my own farm
- Renting farmland
- Full-time internship/mentorship
- Part-time internship/mentorship
- Other (specify) _____

4. How many acres are you currently farming?

5. How many total years have you farmed?

6. Please describe how you will market your products in 2018: (Check all that apply)

- CSA
- Farmers' markets
- Farmer Cooperative
- Roadside stand or farm store
- Internet sales
- Wholesale to restaurants
- Wholesale to stores
- Other (specify) _____

7. What products will you produce in 2018? (Check all that apply)

- Vegetables
- Small Fruit
- Tree Fruit
- Flowers
- Honey
- Poultry
- Alternative/specialty grains
- Other (specify) _____
- Hogs
- Goats
- Dairy
- Sheep
- Beef
- Eggs

8. Which best describes your farming methods during the 2018 season?

- Organic practices-not certified
- Certified organic
- Transitioning to certified organic
- Certified Naturally Grown
- IPM
- Other (specify) _____

9. Where will you be marketing your products in 2018? (Check all that apply.)

- Southern Illinois
- Other (specify) _____

10. What percentage of your household income in 2018 do you expect to come from farming?

- 1-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%
- None (please explain)

11. What do you expect to be your total income from farming in 2018?

- Less than \$5,000
- \$10,000-\$14,999
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$40,000 or more
- \$5,000-\$9,999
- \$15,000-\$19,999
- \$30,000-\$39,999

GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. What farming enterprise(s) are you considering?
(Please check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative/specialty grains | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |

2. What are your goals and how do you think this program can help you?

3. What do you see as your biggest obstacle in starting your own farm operation or achieving your farming goals?

4. After completing the SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS® program, when do you anticipate farming?

- Already farming
- Within 1 year
- Within 2-3 years
- Within 4-5 years
- After 5 years

5. The 2018-2019 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS® program will include a series of field days that will run throughout the growing season in 2019, usually on the second Monday evening of the month. Please describe any conflicts that would prevent you from participating in the field days:

6. The SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS® program also includes a one-on-one mentorship with an experienced farmer that will take place throughout the 2019 growing season. Please describe any conflicts that would prevent you from participating in a farmer mentorship.

7. The SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS® program features six-eight classroom seminars scheduled on Sundays, November 2018--February 2019. Please describe anything that might prevent you from participating in these classes:

After receiving your application, we will contact you to set up a phone or face-to-face interview. The interview will be a time to get to know you and your interests better, as well as an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have about the program or starting a small farm business.

REFERENCES

1. How did you hear about SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS®?

2. Please provide one work reference and one personal reference.

Work reference: _____

Title: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (home): _____ (m): _____

Personal reference: _____

Relationship to you: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (home): _____ (m): _____