



# PROGRAM APPLICATION 2020-21 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 or [info@fwsoil.org](mailto:info@fwsoil.org).



## 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 2020 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 2021: (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 2021? (Check all that apply)

Vegetables

Hogs

Small Fruit

Goats

Tree Fruit

Dairy

Flowers

Sheep

Honey

Beef

Poultry

Eggs

Alternative/specialty grains

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which best describes your farming methods during the 2021 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 2021? (Check all that apply.)

Southern Illinois

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. What percentage of your household income in 2021 do you expect to come from farming?

1-20%  61-80%

21-40%  81-100%

41-60%  None (please explain)

11. What do you expect to be your total income from farming in 2021?

Less than \$5,000  \$5,000-\$9,999

\$10,000-\$14,999  \$15,000-\$19,999

\$20,000-\$29,999  \$30,000-\$39,999

\$40,000 or more

## GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

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

- |                                     |                                  |   |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <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 2020-21 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM BEGINNINGS® program will include a series of field days that will run throughout the growing season in 2020. Historically, these have usually been held on the second Monday evening of the month. In-person field days are currently on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We anticipate offering some field days virtually and also creating small group or one-on-one farm tours as conditions allow for safe in-person gatherings.

Please describe any conflicts that would prevent you from participating in 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 2021 growing season. Please describe any conflicts that would prevent you from participating in a farmer mentorship.

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): \_\_\_\_\_