

Small Farm Sustainability Stipend



This application includes questions about your farm, demographic information, and how you'd like to use funding. If awarded, up to \$2,000 can be used towards making farm improvements and any remaining up to \$1,000 can be used towards travel, lodging, and registration for an educational event that will support and improve your farm operation.

Membership

Are you a member of the Wisconsin Farmers Union? Yes No Don't Know

If you are not a member, you will need to join in order to receive funding. Do you need assistance in covering the \$30 membership fee?

Yes, I would like to receive a membership scholarship No, I will pay for membership myself

Contact Information

Name: _____

Farm name _____

Mailing address: _____

Farm address & _____
county (if different) _____

Email: _____

Preferred Contact: Call Text Email

Phone: _____

Preferred language: _____

Farm Description

Farm Size - Please describe how big your farm is either in acres or square feet. _____

What does your farm produce?

Dairy

Hay

Meat (e.g., beef, poultry)

Eggs

Honey

Nuts

Flowers or Herbs

Large grains (e.g., corn)

Small Grains (e.g., wheat)

Fruit

Maple Syrup

Vegetables

Other _____

What makes your farm sustainable? Please describe any factors that you feel make your farm special in terms of environmental stewardship or economic resilience. Examples might include any certifications, products, location, management practices, or communities you sell to that set you apart from other farms in the state.

Demographic Information

What is your role on the farm?

- Sole owner/operator Member-owner of cooperative farm
 Joint owner/operator Farm worker
 Intern/apprentice Other: _____

Years of Professional Farming: 0 - 2 3 - 5 6 - 9 10+

Is your total household income LESS than \$50,000 per year? Yes No Don't Know

Veteran Status: Active Duty Military or Military Veteran Not a Veteran

Age: 18-24 25-40 41-60 61+

Gender & Preferred Pronouns: _____

Race:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Is there anything else about you that you think makes you a good candidate for funding aimed at supporting diverse farmers?

Implementation Stipend

Please let us know what updates you'd like to make to your farm with an implementation stipend. We have up to \$2,000 per farm to use to learn about and update their farm's practices. Funds can be used towards anything that would enhance your farm to help you be a good steward of the land.

What would you like to add to your farm? _____

How would your request improve your farm's sustainability? Our definition of farm sustainability is the ability of the farm to sustain itself OR the ability of the farm to protect local natural resources.

How much money do you need for this project? _____

Event & Education Details

You can use this stipend to connect you to educational resources to improve your farm.

Up to \$100 is available to attend a half-day field event

Up to \$500 is available to attend a full-day in-state event

Up to \$1,000 is available to attend a multi-day or out-of-state event

** The total stipend per farm is up to \$2,000 including event coverage.

Although you do NOT have to attend an event to receive funds, we strongly urge you to have a plan to connect with other farmers or professionals who can assist you with success with any changes you may be making to farm management.

Name of conference/event you would like to attend: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ **Have you attended this event before?** Yes No

Why are you attending? Why are you interested in attending this event? What do you hope to learn about? Is there anything else specific we should know?

What resources do you plan to use to learn about how to succeed with this update to your farm?

How will you share what you learn from this project with other farmers?

Thank You

Thank you for completing this application!

Our stipend review committee will review it and let you know if you will receive a stipend within 30 days of the due date closest to receipt of your application.

Application due dates:

November 1st, 2024

February 1st, 2025

May 1st, 2025

August 1st, 2025

Please note, if you receive a stipend, you will have to fill out some paperwork agreeing to share your story on this project and prove that you performed the planned project.

To submit this application, mail to:
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