

APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

2019 Minnesota Beginning Farmer Financial Management Tax Credit

Application Part A – Beginning Farmer Information

Complete basic demographic section and answer the 10 qualifying questions beneath.

- The beginning farmer must be a resident of Minnesota. Resident information: [Residency Fact Sheet](#)
- The beginning farmer must have entered farming in no more than the last 10 years. If the current year is the 10th year, the beginning farmer does qualify for this tax credit. The 10 years is based off of filing of farm income (schedule F) on tax returns.
- The land currently being farmed must be within the borders of the State of Minnesota.
- The beginning farmer must be or planning on providing the majority of the day-to-day physical labor on the farm.
- The beginning farmer's net worth must be under \$836,000.
- The farmer must have previous farming experience.
- The beginning farmer must expect that their farming will become (if not already) a profitable enterprise
- You must submit earning projections showing a profit in the future. The number of years required would be equivalent to the number of years you expect it to take to become profitable. If completing the web version of the application, upload the form used to verify net worth. FSA form 2038 can be used, but is not required. https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Farm-Loan-Programs/pdfs/direct-loan-apps/Form_FSA_2038_Projected_Actual_Income_Expense_Worksheet.pdf

Application Part B – Farm Financial Management Course Information

- The beginning farmer must enroll in a certified Farm Financial Management course. Complete the application with the course, out of pocket cost (outside of any grants, etc.) and instructor information. A listing of courses are available on MDA's website. www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/bftc.aspx. These are not necessarily an all-inclusive list. If there are programs that may qualify, contact the RFA for the potential certification of a program.
- You must include a tuition statement before your educational tax credit will be processed. If submitting for spring and fall tuition, please submit application after all course information and costs are known.
- Sign and date application and submit either via the web application (web application allows for a "virtual signature") or by printing out and mailing to:

Rural Finance Authority

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert St. N.
St. Paul, MN 55155
Mda.bftc@state.mn.us

Rural Finance Authority Phone: 651-201-6004

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The data on this form will be used to certify your status as beginning farmer as defined by Minnesota Statute 41B.0391 subdivision 1. You are not legally required to provide all of the information on this form, but the Department of Agriculture will only certify beginning farmers who provide all of the requested information. The information provided on this form will be shared with the Minnesota Department of Revenue to validate your tax credit.

A Beginning Farmer Information *(Note: Applicant name must match that of the owner/lessor on the lease)*

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 Age at Time of Application *(Optional)*: _____

Do you meet the following requirements? Please check (Yes) or (No) Boxes. Questions are required by all applicants.

I am a Minnesota Resident. <i>(An individual whose home is in Minnesota and who spends, in total, more than six months of the taxable year in this state.)</i>	YES	NO
I have/plan to enter(ed) farming within the last 10 years.	YES	NO
I do or plan to farm land located within Minnesota.	YES	NO
I do or plan to provide the majority of the daily physical labor and management.	YES	NO
My net worth is less than \$836,000.	YES	NO
I have farming experience.	YES	NO
I expect my farming enterprise to be profitable and to be a significant source of income.	YES	NO

B Farm Financial Management Course Information

I have signed up for an approved Farm Financial Management course.
(The cost of course will be the out-of-pocket cost of the course, outside of any grants, etc.)

Name of Course: _____
 Start Date: _____ Cost of Course: \$ _____ Location: _____
 Instructor Name: _____
 Instructor Phone #: _____ Instructor Email: _____

I certify that the above information and any supplemental information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I will adhere to the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Statute and Regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline to Apply:

October 1st of the year for which the tax credit is sought.
 Applicants are highly encouraged to submit applications early in the year.

If any information on this application changes, the applicant is required to contact the RFA with the changes.

For any questions, contact:

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