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Big River Farms Grower Training Program Application

Please return application to the Big River Farms program, bigriverfarms@thefoodgroupmn.org or call (651) 529-1409

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

Best way to contact me: Phone Call Text Email Mail

How did you hear about our program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Farmer's Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University/Government Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Event- Which one? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Department of Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

This program is intended for people who face disproportionate barriers to start farming. You are eligible for the program if you identify with one or more of the following groups:

- Immigrant/New American Refugee Black/Indigenous/Person of Color
- LGTBQ Low-Income Woman Other

Do you need interpretation? Yes, name language:
 No

Have you grown/farmed food in Minnesota or a similar climate?

- Yes No

Do you have experience growing organically?

- Yes No

Do you need financial assistance to be in the program?

- Yes No

For Native American growers land-fees are waived. Payment plans are available for all growers.

The farm is 30-40 miles from the Twin Cities area. Do you have reliable transportation to and from the farm?

- Yes No

Incubator Program Skill Assessment

Below is a list of recommended skills to know before applying for the Incubator Program. Please circle your level of experience with the below skills.

0 – no experience **3**-much experience

Creating a crop and field plan	0	1	2	3
Prepare your field for transplanting/direct seeding	0	1	2	3
Set up basic irrigation system	0	1	2	3

Create basic fertility plan for your crops	0	1	2	3
Routine weed management	0	1	2	3
Starting seeds in a greenhouse for transplanting	0	1	2	3
Basic food safety practices	0	1	2	3
Basic harvest and post-harvest handling	0	1	2	3
Basic marketing skills	0	1	2	3
Experience farming in Minnesota or similar climate	0	1	2	3
Experience growing food for sale on the market	0	1	2	3

Why are you interested in joining the Grower Training Program?

What are your farming goals? What are you most interested in learning about?

Do you have previous experience gardening or farming? Share your experience.

Is it a requirement to attend classes, work days, and 1:1 meetings for this program. Can you commit to attending 6-10 hours of classes a week, which include workshops and 1:1 meetings? Classes and trainings take place on weekday evenings and weekend afternoons, usually one weekday and one weekend day a week.