

Please remember that Cultivating Success™ certifies Farmer Mentors who agree to the terms stated in the Introduction to On Farm Internships/Mentorships in the Farmer Mentor Handbook:

"...offering an internship/mentorship is to provide hands-on opportunity for a student to gain experience and possibly receive school credits related to a field of study compatible with your farming enterprise...

... It is important that you realize that interns are not 'just workers' or 'free labor'. The internship must have an educational component to it and the intern needs to be given a varied assortment of realistic projects in the field as well as specific time spent learning in a farmer mentor type situation."

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Status of Business:

- self employed sole proprietorship partnership incorporated LLC

Address: _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail:** _____

Website: _____

How did you hear about the Farm Based Learning Program?

Have you participated in a Farmer Mentor training sponsored by the Cultivating Success™ Program? NO YES

If Yes then please state: Date _____ **Location** _____

Please answer the following questions (*Attach pages if additional space is needed!*)

Are you applying to become? (Please see Cultivating Success™, Farm Based Learning Module at the end of this document for clarification and requirements)

- An Internship Host**
- A Mentorship Host**
- Both a Mentorship and Internship Host**

Describe your farming and production system (*This statement should be a brief overview of how you farm, specific products, acreage, etc.*):

Explain why you want to be a Farmer Mentor for the Cultivating Success™ Program.

Please describe your approach to sustainability (e.g. how do you incorporate sustainable practices into your operation).

What teaching experience do you have?

Mark the relevant areas of production to your farm and indicate to the side how many years of experience you have and the size of your operation.

	YEARS	ACRES (e.g. 0.25 acres, 20 acres)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flower production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Berry production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree crop production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grain production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken/egg production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pork production	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)	_____	_____

Mark the production areas and activities in which you are experienced and could provide learning opportunities for a student on your farm:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agritourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat Slaughter/Processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal care and feeding | <input type="checkbox"/> On Farm Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries and/or Tree Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Farming Practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Crop Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Propagation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composting | <input type="checkbox"/> Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Cropping | <input type="checkbox"/> Production Scheduling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSA | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotational Cropping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotational Grazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Season Extension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Fertility Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed & Forage Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Manure Crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Value Added Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest and handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Pest Management | |

Describe your marketing strategies for your product(s):

What type of farm planning methods do you use (How do you plan for your production year)? *If you submitted a farm plan attached to this application, disregard this question.*

What farm equipment do you use on your farm/ranch?

Do you have employees? Yes No

How many full time? _____ Part time? _____

Explain any rules or unique features that would be important for interns, students or guests of your farm to be aware of before accepting a position or visiting (visitor policy, children, pet policy, cell phone service, phone calls, access to showers etc.?) Please attach any additional materials that you might have (website, brochures, applications etc.).

Do you have Business/Liability insurance for your farm? Yes No

Insurance company? _____

Proof of Liability insurance is required for acceptance into the Cultivating Success™ Farmer Mentor Program.

For Internship Host Applicants Only

Have you hosted an intern before? Yes No When? _____

May we contact your previous interns? If so, please provide names and contact information (you may use these as references below).

Please describe all non-monetary (food, lodging etc.) accommodations, if any, that you plan to provide:

- Room in the main house
- Room apart from main house (camp trailer, cabin, etc.)
- Kitchen
- Laundry
- CSA or Vegetable Share
- Meals
- Other _____
- None available at this time

How many hours per day, days per week are students expected to work and are there any special hourly requirements outside of the 8-5 work week?

For Mentorship Host Applicants Only

What types of activities would you be interested or willing to participate in as a farmer mentor (e.g. farm walks, farmer to farmer networks, presentations, workshops, part-time one-on-one with students, others)?

Please explain any complications (e.g. time, responsibilities etc.) that may limit your mentorship options mentioned above.

Please provide three personal references who are familiar with your farm and practices- these may include interns or employees (past or present), other farmers, extension agents, etc.:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address:** _____

Farmer Mentor Applicant Signature

Date

Received by

Date

Thank you for your application to become a Cultivating Success™ Farmer Mentor! Please sign and date above and return to the appropriate program coordinator and contact them with any specific questions you may have about becoming a farmer mentor. (Please refer to www.cultivatingsuccess.org for state coordinator information).

Please also submit a copy of your farm business plan *if you have one available.*

Farm-Based Learning Module Options

Definitions

Internship: The Cultivating Success™ internship is offered for 1-6 credits. This is a more traditional internship where all learning takes place at the internship site and the intern works directly with a trained farmer mentor to gain hands-on experience. Internships will correspond with the farming/ranching season. The internship may include a variety of aspects of the farm operation, such as marketing at a farmers market, direct marketing, breeding and care of livestock, etc. The student will choose a specific area of interest and be paired up with an appropriate farmer mentor. A university advisor or extension agent will also be involved to ensure a quality educational experience for both the student and the farmer. The student does not have to own or operate their own farm, as they can use the resources provided by the internship-mentor.

Mentorship: The on-farm mentorship option is for people whose life situation does not allow them to spend multiple weeks working on a farm (as with a traditional academic internship), but who want to gain hands-on farming experience and/or earn a Cultivating Success™ Certificate. The on-farm mentorship is a wonderful opportunity for individuals who are place-bound because of career, family, their own farm or other responsibilities. The mentorship is suitable for beginning farmers with their own farm, community garden plot, or access to land where they can practice and apply what they learn one-on-one from a farmer-mentor. This mentorship is also appropriate for experienced farmers who are interested in pursuing a new enterprise.