

# New Farmer Training Program

## 2018 Application



**Apply below to join our 100-hour New Farmer Training program!**  
Offered at no cost, participants receive classroom and hands-on education on organic farming practices.

**For questions and to submit the application, contact Jharikem Borrero:**  
jborrero@nuestras-raices.org, or 535-1789 ex. 209

*Please note: Applications are kept confidential – we will not share your information with others.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How did you hear about our program?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your first language? \_\_\_\_\_

What other languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

What country are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the US? \_\_\_\_\_

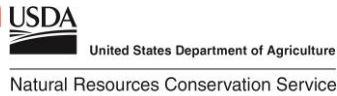
Do you have a Driver's License? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have transportation to get to the classes and farm? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you study in school? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your highest-grade level of schooling? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed at the moment? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you presently doing for work? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be your preferred time for class? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### FARMING BACKGROUND

*Please fill out the questions below but note that experience is NOT NECESSARY to join this program.*

Have you farmed or gardened before? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please tell us more below:

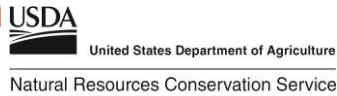
Where was the farm or garden?	How big was it?	What did you produce there?	Did you sell the produce? Where?

Do you have any training or education in agriculture? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, where? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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## FARMING INTEREST AND PLANS

Please describe the type of farm you would like to have. Tell us where it would be (country, state, city), how big, what crops or animals would you produce, and how you would like to run the farm.

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How much money do you want to make farming each year? \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

Check the box that shows the range of your family's gross monthly household income (before taxes and other deductions):

- less than \$2,000/mo       \$2,001-\$2,500       \$2,501-\$3,000       \$3,001-\$3,500  
 \$3,501-\$4,000/mo       \$4,001-\$4,500       \$4,501-\$5,000       more than \$5,000

How many people do you support in your family (including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM

Please read and sign below.

If you are chosen to participate in the training course, you will need to:

- Attend all required classes and training.
- Develop a plan to pay for the business, a plan for selling your crops, and a plan for what you will grow.
- Go on any field trips, farm visits and tours.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), understand that completing the Training Course does not mean I will automatically be able to rent land from Nuestras Raices. I also understand that I will have to fill out another application if I want to rent land.

Please sign below if you agree and understand.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return application by March 20 to:  
329 Main Street, Holyoke MA 01040**