



## Going Organic Trainee Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

What organic crops do you grow or would you like to grow? (acres of each) \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you interested in producing any certified organic products or providing any organic services? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming organically (if any)? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming certified organic land (if any)? \_\_\_\_\_

Marketing history (e.g., wholesale, retail, farmers' market, CSA):

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Do you currently participate in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service EQIP programs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken besides English: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need language assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas in which you would like training, please check all that apply:**

Production

\_\_\_\_\_ Biodiversity conservation

\_\_\_\_\_ Cover crops

\_\_\_\_\_ Composting

\_\_\_\_\_ Crop rotation

\_\_\_\_\_ Soil testing and analysis

\_\_\_\_\_ Weed management

\_\_\_\_\_ Disease management

\_\_\_\_\_ Insect management

\_\_\_\_\_ Pruning

\_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation/water conservation

Marketing

- \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing plan development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wholesale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers' market
- \_\_\_\_\_ CSA

Certification

- \_\_\_\_\_ Farm plan development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organic-approved materials
- \_\_\_\_\_ Filling out paperwork

Other areas in which you would like training:

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Why are you interested in becoming a trainee?

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*Yes, I am willing to fulfil the following trainee expectations:*

- Select a mentor. (CCOF will assist in the matching process.)
- Attend two or three half-day group meetings during the year.
- Host mentor at my farm.
- Visit the mentor's farm.
- Complete necessary paperwork for the Going Organic's Proposition 50 Grant Funding.
- Complete an evaluation of the Going Organic project.

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Signature Date

**Please mail or fax this application to:**

**Going Organic Project Coordinator:**

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