

ALM Organic Farm

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APPRENTICE APPLICATION

Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
City/Prov _____

Age _____ M/F _____
Phone (_____) _____
email _____
Postal Code _____

Are you applying with other family or friends? Who?

How did you hear about this program?

Please give 2 references of someone who knows your work(employer, teacher, supervisor) that we can contact (name, position, phone, address and email).

Have you visited our web site? www.almfarms.org Yes _____ No _____ If so, what about our farm interests you?

Time period during which you are available (Please note that we are looking for apprentices who can stay the whole season Feb.- end of Oct.)

Check the farm experiences and skills that are of interest to you and describe any other interests you have:

- self-sufficient gardening
- commercial market gardening
- poultry
- herb cultivation
- fruit orchard
- greenhouse
- construction
- cooking and preservation
- seed saving
- farmers markets
- CSA's
- selling to restaurants

Other:

Why are you pursuing this program? Do you want to set up your own farm one day? Do you want to learn skills so that you can be a valuable farm employee or co-operant? Do you want to experience a natural farming lifestyle out of general interest? Other reasons

What are you going to do when you finish your apprenticeship?

How long have you been thinking of apprenticing? What gave you the idea?

Describe what you would call a hard days work.

Are you an organized person? On a scale of 1 to 10 how much you care about keeping your living quarters clean?

What do you like to cook for a meal? Have you cooked for yourself and groups of people very much?

What do you do to stay fit? How fit are you on a scale of 1 to 5? 1 being a couch potato and 5 being a triathalon competitor.

What do you think you can bring to our farm and what do you most want to get out of it?

Please provide a summary of your background including volunteer and work experience, formal education and any relevant training you might have.

Is the receipt of a modest wage or allowance crucial to your ability to become an apprentice? If so please explain. Consider what debts and expenses and savings you have in your explanation.

Will you need housing or do you plan to commute to the farm?

Can you drive a standard shift pick-up truck?

How many people, how often and who might visit you while you are apprenticing?

Will you be able to make a visit to the farm before you apprentice?

Please comment on the following and add any other considerations that are important to you:

diet (vegetarian? other?) _____ smoker/non-smoker? _____

allergies or medical needs? _____

physical or mental disabilities, include allergies, back problems? _____

_____ transportation needs? _____

strong ideological views (political, religious, feminist)? _____

hobbies? _____

Pets _____

What other personal goals are important to you now (social, health, spiritual, artistic, relationship, political)?
Please expand with any other thoughts, hopes, ideas, aspirations, considerations, comments?