GOOD FARMER AWARD U.S.

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Applicant Information

- Name
  - First
  - Last
- Email
- Age
- Phone Number
- Farm/Ranch Name
- Farm/Ranch Location
  - City
  - State
  - Zip Code
- Website and or Social Media Links
- Farm/Ranch Type (vegetable, livestock, mixed, etc)
- Farm/Ranch Size
- EIN Number
- Date Farm/Ranch Established
- How many years of previous farming experience do you have?
- Have you been operating your own farm or ranch for 10 years or less?
  - (Note, eligibility criteria: U.S. based, 'Beginning Farmer' operated a farm or ranch for less than 10 years)
  - For how many years?
- How did you hear about this award?
    - Rodale Institute Newsletter/blog
    - Rodale Institute representative/staff member
    - Instagram
    - LinkedIn

- Facebook
- Advertisement
- Agricultural Organization/network
- Online search
- Local farm listing
- Word of mouth/friend/another farmer

Farm/Ranch Overview and Practices

- Tell us about your farm/ranch **(Up to 3000 characters)**
  - *Provide a brief description of your farm/ranch. Include information on the types of crops grown, farming methods, and the history of your farm. Describe your interest/commitment to regenerative organic practices.*
- What regenerative practices do you use? Select all that apply:
  - Crop rotation
  - Cover cropping
  - Reduced tillage
  - Composting
  - Holistic grazing
  - Agroforestry
  - Soil health restoration
  - Other (please enter)
- Please provide more detail regarding your specific regenerative farming practices *(e.g., cover crops, agroforestry, or biodynamics)* **(up to 2,000 characters)**
- List any certifications
  - Certified naturally grown
  - Real Organic Project Certified
  - In transition to Certified Organic
  - Certified Organic
  - Regenerative Organic Certified
  - Other (please enter)
- Current challenges/barriers to farming
  - *Describe the issues you face (e.g., soil erosion, access to resources)* **(Up to 2,000 characters)**
- Describe how this funding would make a significant/farm-changing impact
- What other funding resources have you/your farm been able to obtain in the last 12 months?

- From how many total sources have you received funding? (include any self-funding)
- What percentage of overall funding is supported by external funding?
- What percentage of your current income are you deriving from your current farm operations vs. off-farm job?
- Have all your funding opportunities been confirmed for 2026/2027?
- Have you experienced loss of significant funding in 2026 or 2027? How has that impacted you/your farm?

Project Proposal

- How will you use the award money?
  - Please select one or a combination of categories listed below:
    - **Environmental Impact:** Award money will be used to help aid sustainable, resilient farming practices that reduce environmental footprints and restore ecosystems, examples include: irrigation systems that promote water efficiency, no-till farming, agroforestry, cover cropping.
    - **Community Engagement:** Award money will be used to help strengthen local economies and foster community relationships by prioritizing transparency, accessibility, and mutual support, examples include: direct-to-consumer models such as farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, and local school or grocery partnerships.
    - **Equipment and Infrastructure:** Award money will be used to purchase tools and equipment that contribute to efficiency, adaptability, and sustainability, examples include: no-till drills and seeders, roller crimpers, advanced composting systems, energy-efficient coolers, solar panels to power infrastructure.
  - Describe in detail how you would use the award money to address one or more of these issues
    - *Please detail the items, cost estimate, percentage of overall budget, and description of how you will use the award money for environmental impact, community engagement, and/or equipment and infrastructure.*
  - Project Objective
    - *Describe the specific goals you aim to achieve with the money from this award. What will the grant help you accomplish on your farm? Why is this project important for your farm's future and the wider agricultural community?* **(Max 3,000 characters)**

- Timeline
    - Outline the project's phases, with milestones

Supporting Documents

Please upload the following:

- Business Plan (optional)
- Photos of the Farm/ranch
    - Before and after shots of any projects, if applicable
- Letter of Recommendation #1
    - Letter of recommendation or testimonial from mentor, customer, or community member
- Letter of Recommendation #2
    - Letter of recommendation or testimonial from mentor, customer, or community member

Personal Statement

- Share your farming journey and passion for regenerative organic farming.

Declaration and Signature

- Applicant Declaration
    - By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the regulation guidelines and agree to adhere to all requirements and expectations.
        - By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate and that the grant will be used to further sustainable, regenerative practices on my farm. I understand that any misrepresentation may disqualify my application.