

# BATTLEGROUND TO BREAKING GROUND

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Tuition Waived Option

Through various USDA funded grants, the BGBG program is able to provide 15 tuition waived spots per cohort for veterans, active military, and a select number of other beginning farmers and ranchers. Applications for a tuition waiver are now open on a rolling basis.

- 15 spots per cohort
- Application Required
- Competitive process: Online application and 3 letters of support required
- In-person attendance to Basic Training & Graduation required; \$125 registration fee
- 100 hours of hands-on training required
- Only waives tuition for Phase 2; tuition waiver for Phase 3 based on performance in Phase 2

### Tuition Paid Option

- 30 spots per cohort available
- Tuition is required; Phase 2 \$600 & Phase 3 \$900
- Available for veterans, active-duty military, and all other farmers/ranchers
- No application process
- In-person attendance at Basic Training & Graduation is optional

### Core Program Outline

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<p><b>Online Course or In-Person Bootcamp</b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Business Ideas</li> <li>• Business Planning</li> <li>• Business Plan</li> <li>• Agriculture Resources</li> <li>• Marketing Opportunities for Ag Operations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Develop your ag business plan!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 weeks of business planning courses</li> <li>• Individual Education Plan</li> <li>• Community of Practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>Production Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring</li> <li>• 100 Hours of Hands-On Training</li> <li>• Online Production Agriculture Classes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mentor Training Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For BGBG Phase 1-3 Graduates</li> <li>• Learn Mentorship Basics</li> <li>• Phase 4 graduates get paid to provide mentorship &amp; training to Phase 3 participants</li> </ul>

### BGBG Skills Training Program

Registered DoD SkillBridge Program for Active Duty Military Members  
 120-day program includes Phase 1 Phase 2 & Phase 3.  
 Includes 500+ hours of hands-on training.



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program is a 4 phase educational program available to veterans, active duty military, their families, and other beginning farmers and ranchers. The purpose of the BattleGround to Breaking Ground program is to enhance the sustainability and increase the number of farms and ranches in Texas & throughout the U.S., especially for military veterans.

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# Important Dates to Remember:

- Phase 1 Bootcamp:
  - Boot Camp runs July 15th-19th, 2024.
    - Last 3 days = Basic Training
  - Registration Deadline: July 5th, 2024
- Phase 2 for Cohort 16:
  - Tuition Waiver Application Deadline: is Friday, May 31, 2024
  - Enrollment Deadline (Pay for Tuition) is July 12th, 2024.
- Cohort 15
  - Phase 2 runs January 22nd, 2024 - May 13th, 2024.
  - Phase 3 runs June 3rd, 2024 - December 16th, 2024.
- Cohort 16 (Tentative)
  - Phase 2 runs July 15th, 2024 - November 4th, 2024.
  - Phase 3 runs November 18th, 2024 - June 9th, 2025.