

The logo for Ujamaa Seeds is centered on a light green background. It features the words "UJAMAA SEEDS" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller, blue, serif font, is the text "Maryland's Culturally Meaningful Heirloom Seed Company". Surrounding the text are various garden-related icons: a carrot, a shovel, a hand holding a seedling, a trowel, a fork, and a blue gardening glove.

**UJAMAA  
SEEDS**

Maryland's  
Culturally Meaningful  
Heirloom Seed Company

[ujamaaseeds.com](http://ujamaaseeds.com)

Gardening with heirloom seeds not only preserves heritage varieties of flowers, vegetables, and fruits, but using heirloom seeds contributes to biodiversity and a more resilient and sustainable food system.



**U J A M A A  
COOPERATIVE  
FARMING ALLIANCE**







**The Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance (UCFA)**, is a program under the non-profit organization STEAM ONWARD Inc. As a BIPOC led collective UCFA recruits and supports emergent and seasoned growers who cultivate heirloom seeds and grow

culturally relevant plants for food and healing. UCFA recognizes the need for increased diversity in farming and the seed industry. We are bridging the gap between prospective BIPOC growers and heirloom seed companies.

## UCFA PROGRAM AREAS

Through the following program areas UCFA members are increasing the number of BIPOC growers of heirloom seeds.

**UCFA SEED HUBS:** UCFA is identifying seasoned and emergent BIPOC growers of culturally meaningful seeds everyday and through the *Heirloom Garden Oral History Project*. In addition, UCFA has established eight regional Seed Hubs across the nation. UCFA Seed Hubs are localized collectives of BIPOC growers organized around growing, cleaning, and processing culturally meaningful heirloom seeds.

**SEED FARMING CLASSES:** Through the *Ujamaa Academy* and the *Ira Wallace Seed Farming School*, UCFA is providing BIPOC growers instruction in seed farming and seed saving via online classes as well as on-site face-to-face learning. UCFA is passing on the tradition of seed farming and seed saving to youth through our *Collardz 4 Kidz Project*, and our *Wangari Maathai Food Forest Project*.

**DEMONSTRATION SEED FARM:** On four acres in Upper Marlboro, Maryland UCFA is converting *Tayman's Field*, a formerly terraced organic vegetable farm, into a seed farming demonstration site.



**SEED FARMING** At UCFA we view seeds as more than a commodity, but also as vessels of cultural heritage. Heirloom seed farming can be an additional revenue stream for farmers, gardeners, and growers as demand far outstrips supply. Farmers and gardeners can make a profit from seed farming on just a small plot of land. Many folks take up seed growing as a side business, rather than as their sole source of income. Support UCFA by purchasing **UJAMAA SEEDS** at [ujamaaseeds.com](http://ujamaaseeds.com). In addition to plant types, our culturally meaningful seed collections are organized by regions and ethnic traditions.

