VETERANS AGRICULTURE SUPPORT FUND PROJECT (VASFp)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This small grant is designed to help veterans with 1) Sustaining food and farm businesses, 2) Agricultural support enterprises and 3) Other natural resource activities. Our main objectives are to obtain and enrich Black Indigenous Veterans of Color, BIVOCs acquire:

- Technical and managerial skills in operating a farm and agribusiness
- o Access to financial and institutional strengthening resources

Supported Activities

- Farm related training
- Farm equipment and supply purchases
- Farm operating expenses
- Farmland leasing or purchases

Eligibility Information

- Applicants must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Applicants must have an honorable discharge. (DD2-14 must be submitted)
- Applicants must have prior farm experience, training, and/or a farm mentor.

Award Information

Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Only one application may be submitted per eligible family member or entity. <u>Applicants will be awarded on a case-by-case basis and applying does not guarantee funding</u>.

Submission Date and Time

Application process is open September 30, 2021. The closing date and time for application submission is November 30, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. CST. <u>Applications received after closing date</u> <u>will not be accepted.</u>



On-Line Application Link

Please log into this link: <u>https://forms.gle/mKN2WMQMZE6ZZV3E7</u>

After logging in fill out each section of the application. You may go back and edit any section before submitting. Once you submit the application you will get an email confirmation.

Required Documents/Verification

If selected, applicants must submit a farm or business plan. If you are requesting funds for training or equipment/supplies funds will be paid directly to the school or vendor/s.

Confidential Information

The names of the applicant/s and application content will be kept confidential to the extent permissible by law. Any information you consider confidential should be clearly marked as such.

Contact Information

If you have any questions please contact Dianne Colley, Project Manager, at <u>seven.harvestinc@gmail.com</u>