



# Indiana AgVets



## Agricultural Career Certification & Internship Program for Military Veterans

### APPLICATION

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Date Completed  /  /   
MM / DD / YY

#### Personal Information

Full Name     
First M.I. Last

Address    
Street Address Apt. #

City State ZIP

Phone  -  -  Email

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes  No  If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes  No

If yes, explain:

If selected for the AgVets program, are you willing to submit to a drug test? Yes  No

Are you a U.S. military veteran? Yes  No

Are you currently serving in the U.S. military? Yes  No

If yes: Active Duty  Branch:  Expected discharge date:  /  /   
MM DD YY

National Guard / Reserve  Branch:

Current Employment Status:  Full-time  Part-time  Not currently employed

Student Status:  Full-time  Part-time  Not a student

Do you have a disability that may require accommodations? Yes  No

If yes, explain:

**Education**

**High School**     
*School Name* *City* *State*  
 Years attended:  -  Did you graduate? Yes  No   
*From* *To*

**College**<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>     
*School Name* *City* *State*  
 Years attended:  -  Did you graduate? Yes  No   
*From* *To*  
 Major:  Degree Received:

**College**<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup>     
*School Name* *City* *State*  
 Years attended:  -  Did you graduate? Yes  No   
*From* *To*  
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**Military Service**

**Branch**  Years:  -  Rank at Discharge:   
*From* *To*  
 Specialty:   
 If other than honorable discharge, please explain:

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*From* *To*  
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NOTE: If selected for the AgVets program, participants will be asked to submit a copy of their DD-214 or current military ID.

**Employment History for Past 10 Years (other than military)**

Company     
*Company Name* *City* *State*

Dates employed:  -  Job title:   
*From* *To*

Job duties:

Company     
*Company Name* *City* *State*

Dates employed:  -  Job title:   
*From* *To*

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**Agricultural Interests**

Do you have agricultural or farming experience? Yes  No

If yes, describe your experience(s):

*NOTE: Agricultural or farm experience is **NOT** required to be a participant in the AgVets program! This section will assist project staff and job coaches in understanding your interests and training needs.*

I am interested in pursuing educational opportunities and an internship experience involving the following agricultural enterprises or operations (please check all that might apply):

**Agricultural Production (Farming)**

**CROPS**

- Row crops (corn, soybeans, wheat)
- Hay and forages
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Nursery crops (trees, shrubs, flowers)
- Greenhouse or hydroponics
- Organic production
- Other:

**LIVESTOCK**

- Swine
- Beef cattle
- Dairy
- Sheep or goats
- Horses, mules, donkeys
- Poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks)
- Aquaculture
- Organic production
- Other:

**Agricultural Services and Support**

**CROPS**

- Pesticide and/or fertilizer application
- Transport (trucking)
- Machinery repair
- Input sales (seed, fertilizer, etc.)
- Grain storage, handling, and marketing
- Equipment sales
- Other:

**LIVESTOCK**

- Feed manufacturing, distribution, or sales
- Transport (trucking)
- Marketing
- Meat packing or processing
- Other:

**OTHER**

- Natural resource management and conservation
- Food processing and marketing
- Agrotourism and/or direct marketing
- Machinery manufacturing
- Turf and/or landscape management
- Precision agriculture technology

Please list any additional agricultural career interests:

**AgVet Applicant's Statement**

In 250 words or less, please describe your personal mission with respect to your future career. How do your personal goals relate to agriculture?

**AgVet Participant Expectations**

The Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program is an agricultural career training opportunity specifically for U.S. military veterans in Indiana or surrounding states. The program provides an orientation opportunity for participants in rewarding careers in production agriculture or agribusiness by providing supervised training (free of charge) tailored to the veteran’s personal interests and career aspirations, and paid internships in a farm or agricultural service business.

Indiana AgVets is a project of Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation, in cooperation with the AgrAbility Project at Purdue University. The program is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Grant Number 2019-77028-29971.

**Program participants are expected to be fully committed to completion of all project-related activities and trainings, including the following:**

**Core Trainings:**

- Introduction to Indiana AgVets, Overview of Indiana Agriculture, and Veteran Services (1 day)
- Tour(s) of Indiana Farms, Agribusinesses, and Supporting Organizations & Agencies (2 days)
- Employment and Career Guidance for Veterans in Agriculture (2 days)
- Agricultural Safety & Health Certificate Program (2 days)
- Indiana Commercial Pesticide Applicator Core Training (1 day)
- OSHA Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift) Certification (1 day)

*(Core trainings will occur at various locations throughout Indiana)*

**Additional Training & Certification Programs:**

In addition to the core trainings listed above, all AgVets participants will be expected to complete an additional 40-80 hours of trainings or educational programs directly related to their personal career interests. Project staff and internship mentors will assist the participants in selecting appropriate supplemental training.

*NOTE: Registration costs and tuition for core trainings will be covered by the AgVets program. Costs for additional certifications will be partially or fully covered by AgVets. Transportation to and from events and programs is the responsibility of the participant.*

**Agricultural Internship:**

The culmination of the AgVets program will be an 8-week paid internship at an Indiana farm or agricultural business. The internship will be full-time (40 hours per week), unless other arrangements are made with the intern host. Interns are expected to work at the direction of site supervisors and will be provided onsite job coaching by the AgVets project staff. Interns will be paid an hourly stipend by Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation. Every effort will be made to place interns in a location within reasonable commuting distance of his/her home or school.

**Optional Opportunities:**

AgVets participants will be welcomed to participate in activities and events hosted by the Farmer Veteran Coalition (national) and the Indiana Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition. In addition, AgVets will be invited to the annual AgrAbility National Training Workshop. Partial stipends may be available for some of these activities.

**Disclaimer and Signature**

I certify that my answers provided in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. In addition, should I be selected for the program, I commit to full participation and completion in all required Indiana AgVets trainings, educational programs, and internship responsibilities as specified above.

Date:

Signature:

**To submit application:**

**Contact information:**

Email completed form to: *(or)* Print and U.S. mail to:  
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