



BERKSHIRE FARMLAND INITIATIVE/JOHN P. FARKAS FUND

APPLICATION FORM

To complete this form electronically, type your information in the right-hand boxes, which will expand to accommodate your responses. If using a printed form, please attach additional sheets as needed.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name(s) of Applicant(s) (Name of person(s); not farm name/entity)	
Contact Person (if other than applicant)	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
E-Mail	
Does/Do Applicant(s) Own the Property?	
Age(s) of Applicant(s)	

PROPERTY AND PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Farm (if applicable)		
Location of Farm or Property (Physical address, if different from mailing address)		
Property Ownership (Please describe how the farm or land is owned [e.g., whether by individuals or by an entity] and number of owners and approx. percent ownership)		
Amount of Funds Requested (Cannot exceed \$2,500)		

<p>Intended Use of Grant Funds (Explain how you intend to use grant funds, and what other resources, if any, you will put toward this use.)</p> <p>Because this is a competitive grants process, we encourage you to be specific regarding your planned use of funds (i.e., if you intend to use funds to facilitate the sale/lease of a farm or farmland to a farmer, or the purchase/lease of a farm or farmland from a farmer or farmland owner, you may want to indicate the name of the farmer or landowner involved, and the intended use of the farm or farmland).</p>		
<p>Statement of Need/Project Narrative (Provide some rationale for this request—e.g., how this grant will help keep farmland in farming or return land to farming; why you want to take action now; what you hope to accomplish with this funding; what might happen should you not take action; etc.)</p> <p>Attach additional sheets as necessary.</p>		
<p>Acreage (Please include: number of total acres; approx. % of acreage in cropland, pasture, hay, forest; and approx. % of acreage that is prime or statewide important soils, if known)</p>		
<p>Farm Description (Please include, if applicable: types of farm products grown/raised, and how these products are marketed)</p>		

<p>Is Any of the Farmland Currently Leased or Rented? (If yes, list number of acres leased or rented, and length of lease)</p>	
<p>Additional Information (Please let us know if you would be willing to (a) participate in an introductory meeting of grantees; (b) serve as a mentor in the future to other farm owners or farmland seekers in a similar situation; and/or (c) share your story in some way)</p>	

Please attach any supporting documentation you feel would be helpful to the grant review committee. A member of the committee may be in touch with you should the committee have any additional questions about your application.

Signature

Date

Please mail completed application form to:

Cris Coffin
New England Director
American Farmland Trust
One Short Street
Northampton, MA 01060

Or send via email to:
ccoffin@farmland.org

Applications are due:
** **FEBRUARY 28, 2015** (for first grant round)
** **JULY 31, 2015** (for second grant round)