



Application to become an AUA Farmer Mentee

Farmer Mentees are new to growing fruits, vegetables, medicine, flowers, keeping livestock, and composting. While you may have some experience, mentees feel they can benefit from building a relationship with an experienced farmer mentor who is willing to share their experience and knowledge. Once matched, mentors and mentees can set up their own schedule to fit your needs. The relationship can serve as an apprenticeship to build your skills and knowledge as a farmer.

If selected for this cohort, you should be exposed to a wealth of knowledge by your mentor to guide towards good practices for growing in Chicago. AUA compensates your mentor for up to 25 hours throughout the cohort while you receive mentorship free of charge. You are expected to communicate with your mentor on a regular basis throughout the program, from January-May 2020.

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Primary Address:

Farm Address (if you have one):

1. What interests you about participating in the Farmer to Farmer mentorship program?

2. What are your short-term farming goals?

3. In which of the following areas would you like mentoring? Check all that apply.
- Vegetable production
 - Flower/herb production
 - Livestock keeping or animal farming
 - Farm build-out
 - Business development
 - Compost management
 - Employee management
 - Other:
4. If you are matched with a mentor who is currently farming, are you willing to visit their farm?
5. If so, how would you travel there - car, public transit, biking?
6. Would you be willing to put in work on your mentor's farm? This will not affect your eligibility.
7. Do you have any access needs we should be aware of? Please detail any language, location, physical access, etc. needs you may have that would affect your participation.
8. Please briefly describe your learning style.
9. Please describe your personality preferences for your mentor.
10. Do you have a gender preference for your mentor?
11. Please describe the type of education you are seeking as part of the Farmer to Farmer mentorship program.

12. Who has been a mentor in your life? What qualities helped or inspired you to grow?

13. Please tell us about interests you have outside of farming.

14. What is your preferred method of communication for mentorship delivery? Check all that apply.

- In-person
- Over the phone
- Video conference
- E-mail
- Other:

15. What is your general availability for mentoring? Check all that apply.

- Weekdays
- Weekends
- Evenings
- Mornings
- Other:

16. Are you able to attend our mentorship orientation on Saturday January 11th from 10am-12pm? If no, please suggest another date.

Please do not forget to send in your resume or list of relevant experience! Send your resume or list of relevant experience to viviana@auachicago.org with 'Mentee Resume' in the title or mail to 159 N Sangamon St. Chicago, IL 60607

Thank you for your application!

AUA will be in touch with follow up details. We will work to match you with a mentor who suits your learning goals.