

Application to become an AUA Farmer Mentor

Farmer Mentors are experienced growers of fruits, vegetables, medicine, flowers, livestock keepers, and composters. Mentors are expected to share their knowledge and experience with a new farmer with limited experience in cultivation. Mentors are encouraged to use the peer farmer-created tool Good Practices for Growing in Chicago (to be published in Winter 2019/20). If selected, mentors and mentees will be matched and can set up their own schedule to fit your needs. The mentor-mentee relationship can function as an apprenticeship. If selected, you will be compensated for a maximum of 25 hours over a 5 month period, from Jan-May 2020, at a rate of \$25/hr. You are expected to communicate with your mentee on a regular basis throughout the program.

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Primary Address:

Farm Address (if you have one):

Please list a professional reference and their contact information. Please also e-mail your résumé or a summary of relevant experience to viviana@auachicago.org with 'Mentor Resume' in the title or mail to 159 N Sangamon St Chicago, IL 60607.

1. How many years have you been farming?
2. Are you currently operating a farm?
3. Have you operated a farm business in the past?

What type of farm do you operate, or have you operated?
Check all that apply.

- Indoor
- Outdoor in-ground
- Outdoor raised beds
- Livestock
- Compost/vermicompost
- Other:

4. Do you have experience teaching a new farmer?

- No
- Yes, 1-2 years
- Yes, 3-5 years
- Yes, 5+ years

5. Why do you want to be a mentor to a beginning farmer?

6. What areas do you feel capable of mentoring someone with limited experience?
Check all that apply.

- Vegetable production
- Flower/herb production
- Livestock keeping or animal farming
- Farm build-out
- Business development
- Compost management
- Employee management
- Other:

7. If livestock keeping is in your skill set, what kind of livestock? Chickens, goats, bees, etc.

8. Would you be willing to demonstrate skills and have your mentee put in work on your farm?

9. Please briefly describe your teaching style.

10. Please describe your personality preferences for your mentee.

11. Do you have a gender preference for your mentee?

12. Please give an example of the assumed content of your Winter/Spring season mentorship experience.

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

14. Help us get to know you better so we can make a great match between you and your mentee! Please tell us about interests you have outside of farming.

15. 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.

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

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

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

- Weekdays
- Weekends
- Evenings
- Mornings
- Other:

18. Are you able to attend our mentorship orientation on Saturday January 11th from 10am-1pm? If no, please suggest another date.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- Other:

In addition to this application, please send in your resume/summary of relevant experience!

Send your resume to viviana@auachicago.org with 'Mentor 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 mentee who suits your goals for the program.