**Application to become an AUA Farmer Mentor**

Farmer Mentors are experienced growers of fruits, vegetables, medicine, flowers, farmed animal and insect keepers, and/or composters. Mentors are expected to share their knowledge and experience with a beginner farmer with limited experience in cultivation. Mentors will have the local, peer farmer-created Grown In Chicago online tool available to encourage sustainable practices.

Once matched, mentors and mentees set up their own schedule to fit both of 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 12 month period, from November 2020 to November 2021, at a rate of $25/hr. You are expected to communicate with your mentee on a regular basis throughout the program. Top of Form

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Primary Address:

Farm Address (if you have one):

Please list a professional reference and their contact information:

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? Mark an ‘x’ next to all that apply.

* + Indoor
  + Outdoor in-ground
  + Outdoor raised beds
  + Animal and/or insect
  + Compost/vermicompost
  + Other:

4. Do you have experience teaching a new farmer? Mark an ‘x’ next to what applies to you.

* + 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?

Mark an ‘x’ next to all that apply.

* + Vegetable production
  + Flower production
  + Herb production
  + Seed production
  + Animal and/or insect farming
  + Farm build-out
  + Business development
  + Compost management
  + Employee management
  + Other:

7. If farmed animal and/or insect keeping is in your skill set, what kind(s) do you work with? Chickens, goats, bees, etc.

8. Would you be willing to demonstrate skills and have your mentee put in work on your farm? PPE can be provided as needed.

9. Would you be willing to host fellow cohort members at your site for a tour or skill share? This will not effect your eligibility.

10. Please briefly describe your teaching style.

11. Please describe your personality preferences for your mentee.

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

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

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. What is you preferred method of communication for mentorship delivery?

Check all that apply.

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

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

* + Weekdays
  + Weekends
  + Evenings
  + Mornings
  + Other:

19. Are you able to attend our mentorship orientation on Saturday November 21st, 2020 from 11am-1pm? If no, please suggest another date.

* + Yes
  + Other:

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

Send your resume or summary of relevant experience to [viviana@auachicago.org](mailto:viviana@auachicago.org) with 'Mentor Application' in the title or mail to Advocates for Urban Agriculture, PO Box 168083, Chicago, IL 60616

**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.

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