

Thank you for your interest in the Savings Incentive Program! This is the list of questions you will be asked to answer when you apply for the program through the online application form (you can find the form at practicalfarmers.org).

Please be aware: We strongly encourage you to **complete this form in one sitting. There is no option to save your progress and return to finish it at a later date.** Please use this list of questions to prepare your responses.

Deadline to Apply: Applications are due by **October 10, 2018.**

Questions? Contact Greg Padgett: (515) 232-5661 or greg@practicalfarmers.org

I. Contact Details

In this section, you will be asked to fill out your name and contact details, as well as the names and contact details of your significant other and farm business partner, if they play active roles in the farm business.

II. Your Background and Experience

- 1). Why do you want to participate in this program? Please limit to 100 words or fewer.
- 2). Do you have any formal agricultural, business or entrepreneurial training or education? If yes, please list (include date and duration). For example: B.S. in agronomy, 2013; two-day business planning course, 2015; three-month horticulture internship, 2014; all-day poultry management workshop, 2016; etc.
- 3). Have you participated in any volunteer activities in the last three years? If yes, please list the organization and year each took place. These activities could be for civic groups, non-profits, community projects, faith-based groups, etc.
- 4). Have you been involved with any non-PFI farm or agriculture organizations in the last three years? If yes, please list the organization name, year(s) involved and your role. For example: Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Growers board member, 2013-present; Iowa Forage and Grassland Council conference attendee, 2013; Farm Bureau member, 2012-present; etc.
- 5). Have you been actively involved in Practical Farmers of Iowa in the past three years – such as attending or hosting events? If yes, please list (include name of the event, or other active role, and the year each took place). Events include field days, regional potlucks, the Next Generation retreat, PFI's annual conference or viewing farminars live. For example: Annual conference attendee, 2015; field day host, 2015; viewed live farminars, 2016

III. Your Farm Details or Vision

- 1). Does your farm have a name? If yes, please list. If you are actively considering a name, you may list that as well.
- 2). Do you currently have access to land? If yes, please explain your land access situation. If no, please explain your plan to gain land access.
- 3). List the farm enterprises you are currently managing, and any you hope to add in the next three years. For example: row crops, beef cattle, poultry, horticulture, cut flowers, etc.
- 4). Tell us your farm story in 600 words. Please explain: 1). Why you want to farm; 2). What your current operation consists of; 3). What your vision is for your farm.
- 5). Do you have experience working on a farm that is not your own? If yes, please list your experience, specifying duration, title and duties. This includes, but is not limited to: internships, apprenticeships, working as an hourly employee or a salaried employee, working on your family farm, etc.

IV. References

Please be prepared to submit the names, email addresses and phone numbers of three non-family references, and to explain your connection to each.