Thank you for your interest in the Savings Incentive Program. We strongly encourage you to use this template to complete the open-ended questions that you will be asked on your application. This will allow you to copy and paste your answers when you complete the online form. There is no option to save your progress and return to finish it at a later date using the online application.

**Deadline to Apply:** Applications are due by October 11, 2019**.**

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

**Contact Information**

*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, if they play active roles in the farm business.*

Why do you want to participate in this program?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Current Situation**

*The purpose of this section is to learn about your current farming situation.*

Please explain your current farming operation including enterprises you are currently managing.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Does your farm have a name? If yes, please list. If you are actively considering a name, you may list that as well.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Your Farm Plan**

*The purpose of this section is to learn about your farm business plans and what you hope to do with it.*

Why do you want to farm?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What’s your vision for your farm? Your vision should paint a clear picture of how your business will function in the future, and incorporate personal values for family, community, the environment and income.

Click or tap here to enter text.

What are your farming short-term (1-5 year) and long-term (6-10 year) goals?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What are your financial goals/priorities for your farm?

Click or tap here to enter text.

How will participating in the Savings Incentive Program help you reach your goals?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What asset(s) would you potentially purchase with your Savings Incentive Program savings match?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Background and Experience**

*This section will help us learn more about you and your experience.*

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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 Beginning Farmer retreat, PFI’s annual conference or viewing farminars live. For example: Annual conference attendee, 2017; field day host, 2018; viewed live farminars, 2019

Click or tap here to enter text.

**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.