



LAND
STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT

FARM BEGINNINGS®

APPLICATION 2009-2010

Please Complete and Return with a \$100 non-refundable deposit to:

Land Stewardship Project

Attn: Karen Benson-Farm Beginnings®

P.O. Box 130

Lewiston, MN 55952

*** To be considered for a scholarship, please return by August 26, 2009**

Name: _____

Farming Partner: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: ____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Ph#: (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____

May we call you at work? _____

Best day/time to call: _____ Will you apply for a scholarship? _____

Please circle which class location you will be attending: River Falls, WI or Spicer, MN

How did you hear about FARM BEGINNINGS? _____

Do you have a special need we should know of? _____

(If you need more space, please attach additional sheets)

Why are you interested in farming?

Provide a brief summary of the school(s) you/farm partner have attended and your work experience(s), including any agricultural jobs, training or experience you have had, if any:

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What are you currently doing?

What are your future goals?

1-5 years:

5-10 years:

How do you think this program can help you?

What do you see as your biggest obstacle in starting your own farm operation?

Indicate the areas you are specifically interested in working on throughout the Farm Beginnings course. Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable agricultural practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Lowering production costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management intensive grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement & leadership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

What farming enterprise(s) are you considering (mark your 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices)

dairy ___ beef ___ sheep ___ goats ___ hogs ___ crops & hay ___ vegetables ___ flowers ___
other _____

Are you: looking to buy land ___ have access to land ___ own land ___ renting ___

Are you interested in the Heifer International Livestock Loans? _____

Circle which species you would like to take a loan out for: dairy heifers beef heifers goats
hogs sheep chickens

Tell us something unique about yourself.

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What other questions or considerations do you have about the program?

Please list two references (one work and one personal); list names, addresses and phone numbers.
Please indicate which reference is work and which is personal.