

Las Huertas Farmer Training

2017 Application

Recommended Prior Experience:

- ✓ Prior farming internship or farm work
- ✓ Gardening experience with emphasis on organic methods
- ✓ Passion for producing food for yourself and your community
- ✓ Interested in pursuing a career in farming

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Info: (Phone) _____ (Email) _____

Emergency Contact: (Phone) _____ (Relation) _____

Will you have access to land, which you will be growing on for the 2017 season?
(Y/N) _____

Are you interested in continuing to the Incubator Site Program in 2018?
(Y/N) _____

- ✓ Provide us with a short understanding of your vision for your future in farming, how do you feel will this training help you reach that goal? Please describe your previous experiences with farming, business operation and leadership roles. (Please use a separate sheet of paper if needed).
- ✓ Please make sure you also attach a current resume to your application

Select Options for Payment:

- ✓ Early Application Before January 5th 2017 is: \$725.....\$ _____
- ✓ Application After February Jan. 5th 2017 is:
\$750.....\$ _____
- ✓ Four Payments throughout the course season are: \$750 total
Payment dates (due on or before dates listed below)
 - 1st Due on March 1st (\$187.50 each payment).....\$ _____
 - 2nd Due on June 1st
 - 3rd Due on Aug. 1st
 - 4th Due on Oct. 1st
- ✓ If you are applying for a scholarship please include the Scholarship Application Form with this form and payment. You will be notified of reimbursement for your payment contingent on scholarship funding and board approval.

Rio Grande Community Farm is a 501(c)3 social-profit organization which manages a 2-acre community garden, 24 acres of irrigated farmland, farmer training programs, advocates for sustainable agriculture and supports initiatives to strengthen Albuquerque's bonds to its rich agricultural history and healthy local food.

Just so we're on the same page, please read and sign below:

- ✓ I have read and understood the schedule and field time requirements for the season and can meet this obligation
- ✓ I understand any refund for fees for Las Huertas is determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis
- ✓ If I choose to pay in installments I have read and understood the deadlines for payment
- ✓ Missed payments or absence from four or more classes, or field sessions will result in dismissal from the course
- ✓ Selected payment option due upon acceptance into Las Huertas Farmer Training
- ✓ I understand the schedule is made to be challenging and will require some evening and weekend commitments

Signature of Applicant

Date

2017 Schedule Synopsis:

- ✓ Schedule is based on prior arrangements with venues and host farms and may be subject to change. We will notify of any changes to schedules as soon as possible. Finalized course **schedule will be available January 2017**. Please see the 2016 schedule for a guide on what is generally offered in Las Huertas Farmer Training. Please contact us with any other questions.
- ✓ Class and workshops total **50 hours** throughout the season from March through October. **Practicum work at RGCF and volunteer hours at local farms are encouraged**; RGCF will coordinate these activities once the training course begins.
- ✓ A farmer training plot is available for demonstrations, workshops and techniques trials. Your participation in this on-site resource is highly encouraged. Produce will be sold through area markets.
- ✓ Las Huertas Farmer Training program is a 1st year training program **dedicated to training aspiring agrarians and promote their development as farm owners and operators**. After successful completion of Las Huertas you will be eligible for use of Incubator Plots to develop your farm business pending approval by Las Huertas Program Director and Board of Directors.

We look forward to working with you at the Community Farm! Please let us know if you have any questions and we'll be in touch about your application soon.