



## **Sustainability Education Program Application**

Better Farm's Sustainability Education Program offers individuals an immersive, introductory crash-course in sustainability initiatives. Students receive a hands-on education in seasonal topics related to sustainability and environmental issues, including:

- organic small-scale farming and gardening
- greenhouses and four-season farming
- compost methods
- alternative building and energy
- rain and graywater collection
- aquaponics
- chicken care
- community outreach initiatives (supper clubs, volunteer work at area farms, workshops, presence at local events)
- homesteading (organic cooking, canning/preserving)
- outdoor survival

Better Farm's Sustainability Education Program runs in one- to three-month intervals year-round. Participants receive daily assignments and chores related to sustainability initiatives and organic farming (including readings and research), as well as the opportunity to design and implement projects on their own. Upon completion of all units and responsibilities, interns receive a certificate from Better Farm. College students may additionally receive course credit for completion of Better Farm's Sustainability Education Program (pursuant to agreement by that individual's school).

Individuals are immersed from day one in the local culture while working alongside other residents at Better Farm and in the Redwood community. Sustainability specialists visit Better Farm throughout the year to offer additional mentoring and guidance; and students may take any workshops scheduled during their time at Better Farm. Program participants live on-site and communally on the Better Farm campus in shared rooms. A flat fee of \$500/month is required to cover educational fees, supplies, lodging, wireless Internet, use of the laundry machine, all linens and towels, on-site parking, and use of the communal kitchen (stocked weekly with food).

All program applications must be submitted to [internship@betterfarm.org](mailto:internship@betterfarm.org). Applicants will be notified of their status within one month of submission.



## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

*Applications must be submitted by e-mail to [internship@betterfarm.org](mailto:internship@betterfarm.org) or regular mail at Better Farm Sustainability Education Program, 31060 Cottage Hill Road, Redwood NY, 13679. Applicants will be notified of their status within one month of submission.*

In addition to the following form, applicants should submit a resume and cover letter explaining specific interests in relation to sustainability issues, as well as any prior experience. This is very important, as the staff at Better Farm custom-tailors programming to maximize each student's experience.

Please fill out and return the following information:

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for \_\_\_ 1 month \_\_\_ 2 months \_\_\_ 3 months

Please indicate your preferred month(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the activities that most closely resemble your interests:**

- ☐ Permaculture
- ☐ Organic small-scale farming and gardening (including planting methods, choosing the proper crops for one's environment and soil, weeding, fertilizing, organic pest control, garden mapping, food preservation, greenhouses)
- ☐ General farm management (operating a roadside stand, tending to small livestock, food distribution, research and management, bookkeeping, etc.)
- ☐ Alternative building (construction with green and recycled materials, living roofs, green home renovations incl. solar and wind power)
- ☐ Rain and graywater collection
- ☐ Community outreach (art classes, hiking, clean-up days, volunteer tutoring)
- ☐ Organic cooking, preserving, participation in supper clubs and/or food kitchens
- ☐ Outdoor survival
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please provide two references.***

**REFERENCE 1**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 2**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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