

# The Living Farm

## Student Application 2015

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out application and email to [lynn@thelivingfarm.org](mailto:lynn@thelivingfarm.org) or mail to  
The Living Farm Lynn Gillespie 39776 Green Tractor Rd. Paonia, CO 81428  
970-527-3305

### Before you start filling out the application, consider

- What do you want to get out of this program?
- Can you really get it here?
- You usually get only as much as you give.
- What do you want to give to this program?
- Are you really able to give it?

### Interview

Can you visit the farm for a **2 day to 1 week trial**? We understand this will not be practical if you are an European student.

### Deadline

There is no particular deadline for submission of your application. The best time to apply, however, is late winter when we are making plans for the next season. First application in will get preference.

### How to Apply

Send a completed program application along with a resume pertinent to the position you are applying for, and three work-related references to the address or email address listed above. Please send us a picture of yourself. Contact us by phone (970-527-3305) or email ([lynn@thelivingfarm.org](mailto:lynn@thelivingfarm.org)) with questions.

**Real Farm Experience:** Your farm experience will emulate a real life farm owner experience. There are a many days where we work many hours. Other days we work few hours (mostly in the winter). Everything is seasonal and runs on cycles. You will be asked to put forth an extreme amount of effort some days. As a team we will ask you to pull your own weight. If you refuse to do something then another team mate must take up your slack. This behavior will not be tolerated. We are all in this together. You want a real farm experience, here it is.

**Equipment:** The farm has a very tight budget. All the equipment on the farm is valuable and needs to be taken care of extremely well. It is very hard to come up with the money to replace stuff. You are working with a 50 year accumulation of equipment; it would take us another 50 years to replace it all. Don't destroy this farm by being careless of the equipment or housing.

**Respect:** I can teach you how to do all the work required to successfully run a farm. What I ask in return is respect. The best way to show respect is to show up on time. This in my mind means showing up at least 5 minutes early and being ready to work on time. Those that show respect for this operation and my family will get preferential treatment when new opportunity arises. Those that are late and cause disruption in other people's schedule will be asked to leave.

**This is a school not a job:** This is a tuition free learning facility not a job. A stipend is given to help you with your daily needs beyond what the farm provides, not provide you a living. If you are in need financial support than you will need to get a job elsewhere.

# The Living Farm Small Farms Program Application

## Part 1: Personal Information

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Eve phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contacts \_\_\_\_\_

## What level are you applying for?

- Summer seasonal then move up to Professional Small Farms Program
- Summer Seasonal
- Short Stay

## Part 2: General statement of interest

Please provide a statement of interest in about 500 words indicating what you would like to get from this program.

## Part 3 Interview:

1. What skills/qualities/knowledge would you like to acquire or develop through being at The Living Farm?
2. How do you see your prior work and life experience contributing to your work at The Living Farm?
3. Some of the work you may do entails continuous and sometimes strenuous physical activity. Do you have any experience with work of this nature?
4. What skills or passions do you have that you would like to share with other students and staff at The Living Farm?
5. You will be in an environment where you will have the opportunity to look at and take responsibility for your own behavior patterns. How committed are you to utilize this opportunity?

6. Our programs require high levels of self-discipline and initiative. Describe a recent experience where you demonstrated these qualities.
7. What are your long term goals?
8. Do you have any health problems, allergies, special needs or addictions?
9. Are you on any medications?
10. Have you been convicted? If yes, what for?
11. Can you lift 50 pounds?
12. Are you a vegetarian, vegan or omnivore?
13. How do you see your role in creating a sustainable world culture?
14. Our programs require some work on weekends as part of weekly work hours. Are you open to working on weekends? Our weeks can be really long can you work a 50+ hour week? We work until the day is done, there is no 9-5 schedule. Are you willing to put in the effort for the whole day sometimes night too?
15. Do you like animals? What types? What experience have you had with animals?
16. Is there anything else that you think we should know, or that you would like us to know about you?
17. Will you come with a car?
18. Do you intend to farm for a living?
19. When would you want to start? Can you be here year round?

**Part 4: Contract**

- (a) All information furnished by me is complete and correct
- (b) You will need to provide a copy of your driver's license or other photo ID upon arrival.

(c) The Living Farm will not be held responsible for any mishap, damage, loss or injury to me or my belongings while on the farm. I have my own health insurance.

(d) I understand that the Director of The Living Farm has right to cancel my stay on the farm at any time for any reason.

Signature:

Date: