**Headwaters Incubator Program Application Form**

**Only one application form is needed per farm. If a proposed farm business consists of multiple owners, only one point of contact is necessary. However, make sure to document all partner’s abilities and experiences. Provide a resume for each partner.**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| Full Name: |  |  |  |
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| Address: |  |  |
|  | *Street Address / Apartment/Unit #* |  |
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|  | *City / State / Zip* |  |  |
| Phone: |  | Email: |  |
| Farm Name: |  |
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| **Farm Information** |
| *Please answer the following questions. If you choose to fill out this application non-electronically attach additional sheets of paper as necessary. Provide any content that you feel is relevant.*

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| 1. Briefly summarize your proposed agricultural operation.
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| 1. What is your background in agriculture?
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| 1. What are your long-term farming goals? How do you see the Headwaters Incubator Program helping you achieve them?
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| 1. How much land are you seeking to rent? Provide a rough overview for how you plan to use that space.
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| 1. What personal qualities or skills do you possess that would help you to be a successful farmer?
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| 1. What is your experience working with farm machinery, equipment, or farm systems?
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| 1. How many hours per week are you willing to commit to your farming endeavor? Is there seasonal variation in the amount of time you can allocate to farming?
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| 1. How do you plan to sustain yourself financially while you are building your new farm business? What contingency plan do you have to supplement your farm income?
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| 1. Make sure to review the most recent Farmer’s Manual (<https://emswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Farmers-Manual.pdf>)? What guidelines, costs, or program expectations would be the most challenging for you?
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1. Does anyone involved in the proposed farm business identify as black, indigenous, or a person of color? Does your proposed farm business intend to serve vulnerable communities? Please explain.

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1. How did you learn about the Headwaters Incubator Program?

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1. Please provide three references:

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| **Name** | **Title / Relationship to Applicant** | **Phone/Email** |
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*I certify that the above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true:*

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| Applicant Signature: |  | Date: |  |
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**Finished Application Packet Includes:**

***1) Application form*** (this document)

***2) Farm business plan*** (template available at: [emswcd.org/farm-incubator/application/](https://emswcd.org/farm-incubator/application/))

***3) Resume***for each owner of the farm

Email, mail, or drop off your application packet to:

Attn: Rowan Steele

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

5211 N. Williams Ave., Portland, OR 97217

503.939.0314 / rowan@emswcd.org

***Application packets are due to EMSWCD by 5pm on October 31st***