



Monetary Grant Assistance Program Application

What is it?

The National Farmers Organization's AgProfit Strategies grant program is accepting applications for our COVID-19 Assistance Program. This program provides money to beginning farmers who have filed fewer than 10 schedule F Federal tax forms and have been harmed by the economic fallout of the pandemic.

The project goal is to increase your profitability and improve the success and sustainability for grain, livestock and dairy farmers. The program is designed to provide relief to producers adversely impacted by market downturns resulting from the pandemic. Maximum assistance will not exceed \$10,000 per applicant.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you and your farm operation were harmed economically because of COVID-19. Think back to 2020 when markets were buffeted due to the pandemic. In dairy, the prices you received in the early months of 2020 were much lower. For cattlemen, you may have had to hold your animals longer than normal because of COVID-19 effects on packers. For grain producers, lower prices in February, March and April of 2020, may have impacted your operation.

1. You must be a participant in the National Farmers AgProfit Strategies for Beginning Farmers. Participation can be through the one day in person seminars or through the online AgProfit Strategies education modules.
2. You must meet the USDA/NIFA definition of a beginning farmer. That can be someone not yet farming but wanting to get started. Or, someone who is currently farming, but has been farming for less than ten years. It may be a multi-generational farmer planning on taking over the family farm.
3. You must be actively participating in a mentee-mentor relationship approved by the AgProfit Strategies program.

How does it work?

Submitted applications will be reviewed individually and the effects of economic harm will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If approved, National Farmers Organization, through its AgProfits Strategy grant program, will disburse the funds to you as you participate in our farm mentoring program and online instruction program, consisting of several short videos and worksheets.

Applicants will be required to show examples of the extent of their economic loss. Please include any pictures, certifications or other documentation of the damage.

Availability of funds

There are limited grant funds available. Because of that, submit your application as soon as possible. Applications must be complete and have all required documentation to be considered. We reserve the right to request additional information or documentation to determine eligibility. Applications missing documentation or otherwise deemed incomplete will not be considered for funding until sufficient information has been received. We reserve the right to deny applications if the applicant is unable to provide required documentation in a timely manner. All determinations regarding eligibility of expenses and funding amounts are final.



**AgProfit Strategies
For Beginning Farmers
Application for Pandemic Relief Funds**



Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Type of Operation: _____ Other: _____

(Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, If Other, please explain.)

AgProfit Strategies Event Participation:

Location: _____ Date: _____

Mentoring Participation:

Name of Mentor: _____
 Assigned by National Farmers: _____ Generational Family Member / Other: _____

(Please Select where the mentor category relevant to you.)

Other Collaboration Organization: _____

(If Niman Ranch, Other... please explain.)

Describe and Quantify how the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected your farming operation:

How will you use funds awarded under this program?

List Input Costs:

List Small Farm Tools or Equipment:

List Costs Involved to Participate in the Mentoring Program:

Amount of Aid Requested: \$ _____

Certification:

By signing below, I certify that I am a beginning farmer under the USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture definition, and that I have been farming for 10 years or less and have not filed IRS Form Schedule F in my name for more than 9 years. I further state that I have actively attended an in-person seminar presented by NFO, Inc. under the AgProfit Strategies for Beginning Farmers program, or that I will complete the virtual training seminars made available to me, and that I will take part in the mentoring activities made available to me.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____