



Farmshare Austin Farm Business Fundamentals

Primary Application

(Applicants may apply as a single person, or as business partners. The “partner” application follows and must be completed if more than one person is applying. Two people can attend but they must work on only one business plan.)

Primary Applicant Contact Information

Name:

Farm Name (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Email Address:

Preferred Phone:

Check one: Home Work Cell

Will a family or business partner attend the course with you? Yes No

If YES, please have partner complete a Partner Application that follows.

Partner's Name:

Partner's Relationship to you:

1. How did you hear about the Farmshare Austin Business Planning Course?

2. Why are you interested in farming?

3. How long have you been interested in farming?

4. Are you currently farming? (For the purposes of this application, “farming” can include starting a farm, transitioning an existing farm from conventional to sustainable, and/or working as a manager, employee or intern on someone else’s farm.)

Yes No

5. Please summarize any current or past agricultural work/jobs.

6. Please list agricultural and/or business classes, conferences, or trainings you have participated in, including the year in which they took place.

7. If you have no experience in farming, please describe any experience you have related to gardening or raising animals.

8. What do you see as your biggest obstacle in starting your own farm operation?

9. Indicate the areas you are specifically interested in learning. Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking with other farmers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating a Business Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lowering production costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal issues and regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to sustainable agricultural businesses | |

10. What farming enterprise (s) are you considering? **If you check more than two, please circle your top two considerations.**

- dairy beef sheep goats (dairy) goats (meat) hogs poultry (meat) poultry (eggs) vegetables
 flowers bees/honey agri-tourism fruit grains other (please list)

11. After completing the Farmshare Austin Business Planning Course, when do you anticipate starting your farm business?

- I am already selling product
 Within 1 year
 2-3 years
 4-5 years
 More than 5 years

12. Please share any questions, concerns or comments you have about the Farmshare Austin Business Planning course.

13. Please list one personal and one professional reference. (Name, relationship, phone, and email only.)

Partner Application

(This section only applies to those applying as 2 people representing one business.)

Partner Contact Information

Name:

Farm Name (if applicable):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

County:

Email Address:

Preferred Phone:

Check one: Home Work Cell

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