



## Going Organic Mentor Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Address \_\_\_\_\_

What organic crops do you grow? (acres of each) \_\_\_\_\_

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Any certified organic products or services? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming organically? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years have you been farming certified organic land? \_\_\_\_\_

Marketing history (e.g., wholesale, retail, farmers' market, CSA):

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Do you currently participate in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service EQIP programs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant educational background (e.g., coursework, field research):

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Teaching experience (e.g., classroom, workshops, apprentices, farm tours or field days):

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Languages spoken besides English: \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of expertise, please check all that apply:

#### Production

\_\_\_\_\_ Cover crops

\_\_\_\_\_ Composting

\_\_\_\_\_ Crop rotation

\_\_\_\_\_ Soil testing and analysis

\_\_\_\_\_ Weed management

\_\_\_\_\_ Disease management

\_\_\_\_\_ Insect management

\_\_\_\_\_ Pruning

\_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation/water conservation

\_\_\_\_\_ Biodiversity conservation

Marketing

- \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing plan development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wholesale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers' market
- \_\_\_\_\_ CSA

\_\_\_\_\_ Produce stand

Certification

- \_\_\_\_\_ Farm plan development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organic-approved materials

Other areas of expertise:

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Why are you interested in becoming a mentor?

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*Yes, I am willing to fulfil the following mentor expectations:*

- Mentor two beginning or aspiring organic farmers.
- Attend two or three half-day group meetings during the year.
- Host trainee individually at my farm.
- Visit the trainee's farm.
- Complete necessary paperwork for the Going Organic's Proposition 50 Grant Funding.
- Complete an evaluation of the Going Organic project.

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Signature Date

**Please mail or fax this application to:**

**Going Organic Project Coordinator:**

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