

# APPLICATION FORM

FOR  
SUMMER EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING IN ORGANIC FARMING AT  
THE TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARM

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## ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to high school and undergraduates who are interested in organic agriculture and may be interested in pursuing a career in sustainable food production as a producer, crop advisor, Ag extension professional, organic inspector, sustainable food production researcher or other sustainable agricultural professional.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This is an opportunity to engage in systems-based experiential training in organic farming at Tuskegee University's Certified Organic Research Farm from **June 1 to July 31, 2026**

Please note that this is an **experiential (i.e., hands-on)** training program involving field, greenhouse, laboratory and classroom training that will cover the following:

1. Policies and regulations governing organic food production as well as basic information on relevant regulatory agencies.
2. Informational sessions and hands-on training in farm management in organic crop production systems.
3. The principles and practices involved in preparing fields for organic vegetable production.
4. Hands-on training in agronomy, soil management, horticulture, and pest management.
5. Informational sessions on human nutrition.
6. Informational sessions and hands-on training in post-harvest handling of organic vegetables.
7. Informational sessions and hands-on training in food safety [i.e., Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Good Handling Practices (GHPs)]
8. Informational sessions and hands-on training in the marketing of organic vegetables.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students will be expected to be at the organic farm by 8am in the morning from Monday to Friday for the duration of the program. Participants must maintain good behavior and general conduct throughout the experiential program. Students will be withdrawn from the program for unbecoming conduct that is deemed disruptive to the congenial learning atmosphere needed for effective teaching, training, and learning.

## STIPENDS

- Selected undergraduate participants will be paid \$2000 per month.
- Selected high school students will be paid \$1750 per month.

**Return the completed application to:**

Applications are to be sent to Ms. Queen Abbah at [qabbah3653@tuskegee.edu](mailto:qabbah3653@tuskegee.edu), Ms. Vivian Kanyi at [vkanyi1503@tuskegee.edu](mailto:vkanyi1503@tuskegee.edu), and Dr. Franklin Quarcoo at [fquarcoo1@tuskegee.edu](mailto:fquarcoo1@tuskegee.edu) by **May 01, 2026**

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**I. STUDENT INFORMATION (please type):**

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

**School Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Street address City State Zip code

School phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

School email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred email \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent address:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Street address City State Zip code

**Student's Phone Number:**

Permanent phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

Emergency Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Street address City State Zip code

**Student's Gender:**  Male  Female  Other

Student's Ethnic background (please mark one):

African American  Southeast Asian  Pacific Islander

Hispanic  Caucasian  Native American or Alaskan Native

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Current or Most Recent Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected or Actual Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend college or graduate school?  Yes  No

If yes, field of study \_\_\_\_\_

## II. PARTICIPATION STATEMENT:

Provide reasons why you think you should be selected to participate in this experiential program and provide how you expect the experience to impact your personal, academic, and professional goals. Indicate any previous experience (if any) in agriculture in general and organic farming in particular.

**III. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

List two people who recommend you for this program and are willing to provide additional information (if needs be) about you. Recommenders should include teachers/instructors and other individuals who can talk about your interest and suitability for this program.

State the names of the two persons willing to serve as recommenders. Please include their position, phone number, and e-mail address (if possible).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. EXTENSION EXPERIRNCE:**

Have you worked on a farm/ranch? Have you participated/executed consistently in Extension programming? If so, please describe your experience:

**V. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

Please indicate your expectations of the experiential program.

I certify that all the information provided on this application and all supporting documents are correct, complete and accurate.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_