



**LAND
STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT**

Journeyperson Course

Application 2013-2014

The application deadline is September 1st, 2013. All applicants will be notified of acceptance by October 1st, 2013

Name (Primary Contact):

Address:

City:

State: Zip:

E-mail Address:

Ph#: (h)

(w)

(cell)

May we call you at work? Yes or No

Best time to call:

How did you hear about the Journeyperson Course (please mark box and list a specific source)?

Internet

Magazine

Newspaper

Conference/Event

Word of Mouth

Other

Specific Source in relation to above:

Do you have any special needs we should know of?

Name (Farming Partner):

Address:

City:

State: Zip:

E-mail Address:

Ph#: (h)

(w)

(cell)

Check the statements that best describe your access to land for your current or future farming enterprises:

I do not have access to land:

I have access to rented land:

I own land:

I will need more land within the next 3-5 years:

You will be connected to two people as part of the Journeyperson Course (farm mentor, FBM instructor). If you already know someone that you would like to work with, please add their name below (we can't guarantee we will be able to match you, but we will try our best).

Farmer mentor:

FBM instructor:

Please list any addition questions or considerations you have about the Journeyperson Course?

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To streamline our application process, please refer to the following:

- The application deadline is September 1st, 2013
- Journeyperson Application Packets must be completed and emailed to Parker Forsell : parker@landstewardshipproject.org
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit application materials via email (these are meant to be working documents for you and your farm). If you absolutely do not use a computer in your operation we will accept handwritten application materials via the US Postal Service.

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Attn: Parker Forsell
PO Box 130
Lewiston, MN 55952

- Only complete Application Packets (see checklist below) will be reviewed
- A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required (please make check out to Land Stewardship Project). Fees for MOSES farmer mentor and Farm Business Management advisor will be addressed upon acceptance into the course

Does your Application Packet Include: (make a checkmark to verify)	
	Journeyperson Application
	Journeyperson Farm Plan
	\$200 Deposit Check – made out to LSP
	Capital Purchases Timeline

*****Please complete this checklist and include it with your application*****

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This plan is to be completed by the farmer(s) enrolled in the Journeyperson Course. It should address and include the basic components of whole farm planning and enterprise assessment. Upon completion, the plan will be shared with Land Stewardship Project staff, your mentor farmer, and your financial advisor, for the purpose of designing an individualized plan for the Journeyperson Course. Please make this as thorough as you can at this time.

Name(s) of Farmer:

Name of Farm Business:

Background Information and Farm Overview

1. Provide your farm resume: education, production experience, financial management experience, marketing experience and any related experiences. Please provide this for both applicants if you are in a partnership. **(Note: You may email your actual resume along with the application in place of filling out this area)**
2. Provide a brief, general overview of your farming enterprise(s) for 2013.
3. Provide a brief, general overview of the goals for your farming enterprises in 2015.
4. Please provide your Holistic Goal or Quality of Life statement (a brief snapshot of the things that are most important to you).

Farm Enterprise Logistics

1. Where is your farm located (city, county, state)?
2. What were the average number of hours per week worked for each person who is an owner and/or partner in your farming operation (we know many are working MORE than full-time, but we are trying to determine how many full-time and part-time employees in your household – full-time is 40 hrs. per week and part-time is 20 hrs. per week) in 2012?
3. How many hours per week do you and your partner plan to work on your farm (we are trying to determine how many full-time employees in your household – full-time is 40 hrs. per week) in 2015?

4. How much hired labor did you use on your farm in 2012 (we are again interested in how many half-time and full-time employees you used on your farm)? **Note: if you have employees that are less than half-time, please include them as well. We are not asking about volunteer labor.**

5. How much hired labor do you plan to use on your farm in 2015 (we are again interested in how many half-time and full-time employees you intend to use on your farm)? **Note: if you have employees that are less than half-time, please include them as well.**

6. What is the total land base (including house and buildings) of your farm in 2013 and how many acres are either in production or cover crop?

7. What do you plan on your land base being for your farm in 2015?

8. List inventory of livestock (breeding stock, feeder animals, etc.)

9. Describe your farm equipment and infrastructure in 2013, 2014, and 2015 (please fill out separate Capital Purchases Timeline).

Marketing Information

1. How are you marketing your products this season (2013)?

2. Describe your target market (be as specific as possible in describing your customers)

3. What percentage of your products are marketed within 45 miles of your farm (we are not looking for an exact figure, but an educated estimation)?

Farm Financial Information

1. What was your farm's gross income in 2012?

2. What is your projected gross income for 2013?

3. What is your goal for your farm's gross income in 2015?

4. What percentage of your farm's gross income in 2012 did you reinvest in capital improvements/assets in operation (i.e. fencing, farm truck, cooler, tractor, implements, computer)? If you did not have a 2012 gross income for your farm, how much of your own (or someone else's) money did you invest in capital improvements/assets in your operation?

5. In 2012, what percentage of your family's overall gross income was generated from the farm and what percentage was generated from off-farm income?

6. In 2015, what is your goal for the percentage of your family's overall gross income to be generated from the farm and what percentage is to be generated from off-farm income?

7. What is your long-term goal for the percentage of total family gross income coming from your farm business, and when do you plan on achieving that?

Troubleshooting Areas

Please list 3 areas of your farming enterprise(s) that you would like help developing further.

References

Please list two references that can speak to your farming experience and commitment.

