JumpStart Application Reference Guide

2023 JumpStart Grant Program

General Program Overview

Horizon Farm Credit is hosting the second annual JumpStart grant program for beginning farmers. The JumpStart grant program is an annual grant offering to help the new generation of beginning farmer's jumpstart their way into business.

The grant program will offer up to fifteen (15) $10,000 awards to the top 15 contestants. The application will open on June 1, 2023 and the **deadline to apply is July 31, 2023 at 4PM EST.**

Eligibility

- Must be a beginning farmer with two years or less of experience or is planning to start farming in the next two years.
- Must reside within Horizon Farm Credit's service territory.
- The applicant can apply as an individual or with a business partner.
- Must be 18 years of age or older, as of July 31, 2023.
- Current and non-Farm Credit customers are eligible to apply. **You do not need to be a Farm Credit customer to apply.**
- Officers, Directors, and employees of the Sponsor, Horizon Farm Credit, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, their agents, press/media representatives, and the immediate family members of these entities **are not eligible to enter**. Family is defined as an individual and spouse and anyone having the following relationship to either: parents, spouse, son, daughter, sibling, stepparent, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, and the spouse of the foregoing and/or those living in the same household of each, whether or not related.
- If you apply as a partnership and are selected as a recipient, the cash prize will be awarded to the primary applicant.
- Applicants will only be eligible for one Horizon Farm Credit award or grant award during a 12-month period of time. Past JumpStart and Farmers on the Rise award winners are not eligible to reapply.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- If you have any questions about this program or application, please contact learning@horizonfc.com or 888.339.3334.

IMPORTANT: You will not be able to save your progress in this application. Fill out the form when you are ready to submit your application.

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Section 1 – Personal Information

* Primary Applicant Contact Information

First and Last Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Co-Applicant Contact Information

First and Last Name	
Phone Number	

Business Name

* Primary Applicant Address:

Address	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
County	

* Select the categories that apply to you:

* Check the category(s) that applies to you:

☐ Dairy

☐ Equine

☐ Forest Products

☐ Grain

☐ Livestock

☐ Poultry

☐ Specialty Crops (fruits, vegetables, nursery, vineyard, brewery, maple syrup, etc.)

☐ Urban Ag

☐ Other (please specify)

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* Total acres operated:

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* Total acres owned:

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* Year primary applicant started farming:

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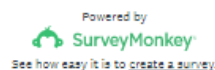## Section 2 - Essay Prompts

Essay 1: Personal Background

* Describe your start-up farming effort. When did you start farming or when do you plan to start farming? (500 word limit)

Essay 2: Business Development

* How will you use the grant funds? How will they help your farm business grow? (500 word limit)

Essay 3: Financial Character

* Why do you deserve to be awarded $10,000 in grant funding? Define the long term and short term impact it will make on your farming efforts. (500 word limit)

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Educational Documentation

The next component of your grant application is to complete the Ag Biz Basics learning module series. All registration details are located here. Once you finalize your Ag Biz Basics registration, you will receive a welcome email with login information. If you do not get the email, please check your email spam folder.

You must complete the full Ag Biz Basics coursework by July 31 at 4PM to be eligible for the grant. Horizon Farm Credit will track completions in cooperation with Farm Credit University, which offers the course.

If you have completed the Ag Biz Masters Year 2 course program, you are eligible to waive the Ag Biz Basics educational requirement.

If you have questions regarding the educational documentation section, please contact learning@HorizonFC.com.

* Each applicant is required to complete the Ag Biz Basics course in order to be eligible to apply. Please select your completion status:

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Required Documentation

Along with application, please upload the following:

* Completed Business Plan (Maximum file size 16MB)

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Signature

I (we) certify the information on this application is accurate and are true statements.
I certify that I am not an officer, Director, or employee of the Sponsor, Horizon Farm Credit, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, their agents, press/media representatives, nor a family member of these entities. Family is defined as an individual and spouse and anyone having the following relationship to either: parents, spouse, son, daughter, sibling, stepparent, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, and the spouse of the foregoing and/or those living in the same household of each, whether or not related.

* By participating in this contest, I (we) agree to accept the official rules and the decisions of the judging selection committee, which are final and binding.

☐ Agree

* Primary Applicant Signature:

Type your name for your signature

Date

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Photo Release

I (we) hereby authorize the use of recordings, photographs/video and/or reproduction of photographs/video of us, of our child/children, and of our property. These can be used in the following formats or other media, not specifically mentioned, for the purpose of advertising and publicity of your services: electronic media, podcast episodes, brochures, flyers, and other collateral material, newspaper and/or magazine advertising, direct mail pieces, and annual report.

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