

GreenStone Farm Credit Services Grow Forward Grant Program 2021

GreenStone will award up to \$40,000 in grants to young, beginning, and small farmers. Up to \$1,000 will be awarded to current GreenStone customers and up to \$500 will be awarded to non-GreenStone customers.

Application and Details

1. Complete all sections and click 'Finish' to submit the application securely. For questions, please call 800-968-0061.
2. Applicant must complete entire application and provide a valid email address.
3. Applications will be reviewed monthly and grant status will be sent by email to applicants.
4. Receipts must be received within six months of the first award notification. If the amount awarded is greater than \$600, the recipient will be required to submit a W-9 form, which verifies the taxpayer identification number. Payment will be made once required documents (receipt(s) and W-9) are provided.
5. A reimbursement payment must be greater than or equal to \$100. Applicants are welcome to submit multiple receipts for approved expenses to meet the \$100 minimum.
6. Multiple applicants cannot combine grant reimbursement to cover the same expense.
7. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
8. GreenStone Farm Credit Services reserves the right to make decisions on a case-by-case basis, and to allocate grant funds as needed.
9. GreenStone Farm Credit Services reserves the right to alter our decision if the submitted grant use receipt(s) does not match what is outlined in the approved grant application and/or if intended use does not meet grant criteria.
10. Relatives (spouses, siblings, step-siblings, children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.) of GreenStone Farm Credit Services board directors and/or employees are not eligible to receive funds.



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Qualifications, Grant Use and Exclusions

- Young, beginning or small farmer:
 - 18-35 years of age, or
 - Farming for less than 10 years, or
 - Sustain annual gross sales from agricultural production of less than \$250,000
- Must be eligible to be a member of GreenStone Farm Credit Services; reside in Michigan or northeast Wisconsin.
- Intended grant use must fall within one of the following categories:
 - Agricultural programs/events: educational course/program (on-site or online), conference fees, etc.
Program/event must support agricultural business
Program/event not required to be in GreenStone's territory
 - GreenStone resources: accounting, payroll or tax planning and preparation
Available only for first time use of GreenStone financial services
 - Non-GreenStone services: business and farm consultants, etc.
- Exclusions of grant use includes:
 - Entertainment venues/networking events
 - Travel related expenses
 - Costs for participants beyond the primary young, beginning, or small farmer
 - Subscription and/or membership costs
 - College course as part of a degree program
 - Technology software and hardware, farm equipment, farm inputs/operating expenses, building improvements, etc.
 - Family and personal financial planning or legal fees
 - Routine business costs (yearly taxes, etc.)
 - Previously reimbursed events/resources/services to repeat applicant
 - External support for services offered by GreenStone Farm Credit Services
 - Costs associated with loans, fees, etc.
 - Costs associated with the Farm Women's Symposium
Due to scholarships available directly through the program



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) Business/Farm Name

Street Address

City State Zip County

Telephone Email Address Birthdate

Are you a GreenStone customer? Yes No

If yes, please provide your CIF number: _____

Year you started farming: _____

Your annual gross farm sales: _____

GRANT INFORMATION

Please select how the funds will benefit your farm operation. Provide specific information in regards to funds use.

Agricultural programs/events (list specifics): _____
Program/event must support agricultural business

GreenStone resources: _____

Non-GreenStone services: _____

Grant dollar amount requested: _____

How will this use of grant funds help you and your business?

Please provide specific details about the above requested funds use.

How did you hear about this program?

INFORMATION AND PHOTO USE AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the use of, by GreenStone Farm Credit Services, ACA, and/or GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, and/or their agents and designees (collectively, "GreenStone"):

- Photographs/digital images
- Video or recordings
- Audio or quoted remarks
- Educational or other presentation/handout materials
- My name/identity as a GreenStone customer

in marketing or promotion produced for, by, or on behalf of GreenStone, in articles, advertisements, digital communication, audio, publications, and such other purposes as GreenStone may identify from time to time as appropriate uses for the above information.

All materials, to include negatives, positives, prints, digital reproductions, video and audio recordings, and written articles (electronic or print), shall be the property of GreenStone.

I hereby further release any and all claims to the above items, including, without limitation, claims for monetary or other compensation and claims for loss or damage of any nature whatsoever related to the above items or to their use by GreenStone as authorized herein, unless at such time I revoke such consent(s) in writing to the Marketing and Public Relations Department, 3515 West Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

I hereby affirm that I am of legal age and competent to provide this authorization and release and, if this authorization and release is given on behalf of a minor, that I have full authority to do so.

(An electronic reproduction of this fully-executed document shall be as valid as the original.)

Date

Signature of parent/legal guardian or adult subject

Printed name of adult subject

Address

City State Zip

Printed name of minor subject