

Ku I Ka Mana New Farmer Training Initiative Application

Please complete the application information below and e-mail to <u>info@kohalacenter.org</u>, fax to 808-885-6707, or mail to The Kohala Center, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, Hawaiʻi 96743.

Name				
Address 1				
Address 2				
City	State		ZIP Code	
Cell Phone	Alt Phone			
E-mail				
Date of Birth			Gender	Male Female

Please answer the following questions to help us gauge your level of interest, experience, and potential to develop a successful commercial farm.

1. Why are you interested in this training program?

2. What are your short-term and long-term goals? (e.g., Are you interested in farming full time or part time? Do you have any ideas on crops and marketing plans?) 3. Developing a commercial farm requires an investment in time and money. Briefly describe your situation as it relates to the availability of time to put into starting your farm and the availability of necessary funding to make it happen.

(e.g., Are you currently employed? Is someone else in your household able to cover/contribute to expenses? How much time will you realistically have to devote to this project?)

4.	Do you have any experience in commercial farming? Yes No If Yes, please provide a brief description of your experience.	

5. Do you currently have access to farmland? Yes No If Yes, please provide a brief description of the farmland available to you. If No, would you be interested in obtaining lease land?

6. Briefly describe your available workforce. (e.g., Is this going to be a family-run venture? Are there partners involved?) 7. In what areas related to commercial farming do you feel you need greater knowledge?

8. Farming is a physically demanding job, and the training we provide includes time working on our educational farm. Do you have any physical limitations we should be aware of? *(All answers will remain confidential.)*

9. We will have limited opportunities for students to be mentored on established farms in locations between Hilo and Waimea. Would you be interested in committing to working one to two days per week on an area farm? Yes No

Program Fees

Tuition for the program is \$100.00 per student*. Upon successful completion of the 15-week program, the tuition will be refunded. Tuition payment is required within seven (7) days of notification of acceptance to the program. Online, local check, money order, and credit card payment options will be available.

Please indicate your acceptance of	the Tuition policy:	Yes	No
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*Interested applicants for whom the tuition might be a barrier to enrollment should contact Derrick Kiyabu at dkiyabu@kohalacenter.org or 808-222-2312.

If you have questions, contact The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411 or e-mail info@kohalacenter.org.