



Beginning Farmer-Rancher Mentorship Program Application for STUDENTS

Deadline: November 14, 2014

Please complete the application information below and submit to Derrick Kiyabu by email, fax, or mail:

- Email: dkiyabu@kohalacenter.org
- Fax: 808-885-6707
- Mail: The Kohala Center, attn: Derrick Kiyabu, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, HI 96743

Name					
Address 1					
Address 2					
City		State		ZIP Code	
Cell Phone		Alt Phone			
Email					
Date of Birth				Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		U.S. Veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Race (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native				

Requesting gender, ethnicity, and race data should allow The Kohala Center to determine if applicant meets the “socially disadvantaged farmer/rancher” eligibility requirement for this program as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information, please visit <http://1.usa.gov/1nM5Rbe>.

Please take as much space as you need to answer the following questions as thoroughly and thoughtfully as you are able.

1. Why are you interested in this training program?

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2. What are your short-term and long-term goals?

(e.g., Are you interested in farming or ranching 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 your agricultural project?)

4. Do you have any experience in commercial farming? Yes No

If Yes, please describe your farming/ranching experience and any education and training you have received

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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. What kinds of knowledge, skills, and experience do you hope to gain through both the mentorship and the training sessions?

7. Do you know of any farmer(s) by whom you would be interested in being mentored?
If Yes, please provide the mentor's name, the farm name, and contact information for the mentor.

Signature of Applicant

Date