



Ōhāhā Mahi ‘Ai Agricultural Training and Education Program Application

Please complete the application information below and email to mwillich@kohalacenter.org, fax to 808-885-6707, or mail to The Kohala Center, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743.

I am applying for (check one):

- Cohort 1: On-farm sessions February 13, 20, 27, March 6 (Applications due February 12)
 Cohort 2: On-farm sessions March 13, 20, 27, April 3 (Applications due March 12)

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| Name | | | | | |
| Address 1 | | | | | |
| Address 2 | | | | | |
| City | | State | | ZIP Code | |
| Cell Phone | | | Alt Phone | | |
| Email | | | | | |
| Date of Birth | | | | Gender | |
| Native Hawaiian? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Belong to a socially disadvantaged group as defined by USDA? <i>*See definition below</i> | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

*USDA defines a socially disadvantaged group as: "A farmer or rancher who is a member of one or more of the following groups whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities: African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Asians, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders."

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

1. How long have you lived in Hawai'i?

2. How long have you lived on Hawai'i Island?

3. Are Hawaiian cultural values, practices, and principles important to you? Yes No

If yes, please briefly explain why.

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4. How would you describe your sense of place and culture?

5. Please provide a brief description of what deepening pilina with ‘āina and ‘ike Hawai‘i means to you.

6. What are you looking to gain from this agricultural training and education program?

7. What are your short-term farming goals (first three years)?

(e.g., Are you interested in farming full time or part time? Do you have any ideas on crops and marketing plans?)

8. What are your long-term farming goals (five to 10 years)?

9. Do you have a business plan? Yes No

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10. Do you have any farming and business experience? Yes No
If Yes, please describe.

11. Developing a commercial farm requires a significant investment of time and financing. Please describe your situation as it relates to the resources to which you have access to start up your farm operation.
(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 endeavor?)

12. Are you currently farming? Yes No
If Yes, please describe what are you producing, if you are selling your products, and where.

13. Do you currently have access to farmland? Yes No
If Yes, please provide a brief description of the farmland available to you.
If No, are you actively looking for land to lease or purchase? Yes No

Program Fees

This program is free of charge. We are asking for commitment within seven (7) days of notification of acceptance to the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date