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FARMLAND PROTECTION RESERVE FUND (FPRF)

2026 APPLICATION FORM

1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

Farm/Business Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2 ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Please confirm the following (check all that apply):

- Farm operation located in Montgomery County
- Applicant files Schedule F (IRS Form 1040)
- Meets farm income eligibility requirements
- Meets NYS Agriculture & Markets definition of a farm operation
- AGI below \$900,000
- Active agricultural use at the time of application

Applications must be received no later than **June 1, 2026, at 4:00 PM EST**. *Applications must be submitted in an organized format and be either typed or clearly legible; unreadable submissions will be disqualified.*

Supporting documentation may be attached and referenced.

3 PROJECT INFORMATION

Total request may not exceed \$30,000. List the requested amount for each category.

Project Title: _____

Grant Category:

- Marketing (up to \$3,000) \$ _____

Value-Added Agriculture (up to \$20,000) \$ _____

Implementation (up to \$30,000) \$ _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Grant Request Amount: \$ _____

Match Amount (minimum 10%): \$ _____

4 PROJECT NARRATIVE

4.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe your project, including what you plan to do and why.

4.2 NEED FOR THE PROJECT

Explain the challenge or opportunity this project addresses.

4.3 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Describe the expected results (e.g., increased production, revenue, efficiency).

Applicants may attach additional supporting documents (e.g., site plans, diagrams, photos) and reference them within your narrative as needed.

5 FARMLAND & LOCAL AGRICULTURAL IMPACT (50)

5.1 FARMLAND PROTECTION (0–15 POINTS)

Describe how the project reduces risk of farmland conversion, supports continued agricultural use, or addresses land fragmentation.

5.2 FARM VIABILITY & PROFITABILITY (0–15 POINTS)

Describe the expected impact on farm income, financial sustainability, and long-term viability.

5.3 MARKET ACCESS & REVENUE GROWTH (0–10 POINTS)

Describe how the project will expand market opportunities, increase sales, or reach new customers.

5.4 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY IMPACT (0–10 POINTS)

Describe how the project contributes to local supply chains, agribusiness development, or the broader agricultural economy.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION BENEFITS (15 POINTS)

6.1 NATURAL RESOURCE BENEFITS (0–5 POINTS)

Describe improvements to soil health, water quality, or other natural resources.

6.2 CONSERVATION PRACTICES (0–5 POINTS)

Describe conservation practices implemented or enhanced by the project.

6.3 EFFICIENCY & RESILIENCE (0–5 POINTS)

Describe how the project increases operational efficiency or improves resilience to weather/climate variability.

7 PROJECT FEASIBILITY, APPLICANT CAPACITY & COST EFFECTIVENESS (35 POINTS)

7.1 PROJECT FEASIBILITY (0–15 POINTS)

Provide a clear, detailed work plan showing readiness, timeline, milestones, and risk mitigation strategies.

Task	Timeline	Responsible Party

7.2 APPLICANT CAPACITY (0–10 POINTS)

Describe your experience, technical knowledge, or access to qualified partners.

7.3 COST EFFECTIVENESS (0–10 POINTS)

Provide a budget and justify costs relative to expected outcomes, showing return on investment (financial, operational, or environmental).

Expense Item	Total Cost	Grant Funds	Match	Total

Total

8 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants may attach supporting documents and reference them in the application (site plans, quotes, photos, permits, letters of support). Quotes or estimates for major expenses

9 CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements may result in disqualification.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

10 SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Application form completed
- 1040 with Schedule F attached
- W9 Attached
- Narrative completed
- Budget completed
- Work plan completed
- Supporting documentation attached

Submit to:

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OR

*ATTN: Farmland Protection Reserve Fund
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