



# Host Application

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## Admin Only

### Welcome prospective MESA Host!

We look forward to reviewing your information and to helping you identify a great Steward for your current or upcoming season! Important note: If you need more time to complete your application, click "Save My Work" at the bottom of this form. Your entries will not be saved until you click the "Submit" or "Save My Work" button!

**Please save drafts of your application frequently to avoid losing your work.** (the save draft button is at the bottom of the form)

### Host Information

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Your Job Title \*

e.g. owner/manager, farm manager, primary supervisor, etc.

Placement Name (e.g. farm or primary company name) \*

To be shared via MESA's public listing of Host placements

Street Address \*

City \*

Placement State \*  ▼

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Country \*  Country

Zip code \*

Phone Number \*

Email Address \*

Website, if any:

Blog, Facebook page, etc.

Do you have a separate mailing address?

Yes

No

Mailing Address:

City

State

Zip code

Basic Hosting Fee. \$100 annual membership, plus \$225/month/Steward. \*

We can pay the basic fee to support MESA's program and services.

We request a fee reduction. We can pay this much monthly:  We request a fee reduction.

We can pay this much monthly:

We cannot pay any monthly fee. Please explain:  We cannot pay any monthly fee. Please explain:

## About your Placement

Primary Production: \*

Bees/Honey

Berries

Cattle

Dairy

Fish

Flowers

Grain

Herbs

Pork/Swine

Poultry

Tree fruits

Sheep

Vegetables

Vineyards/Winery



OtherOther

Please check all that apply.

Other Placement Activities (Select up to 5):

- Agri-tourism
- Aquaponics
- Beekeeping
- Biodynamic
- Bio-intensive
- Community education/advocacy
- Composting
- Farm business planning/ record keeping
- Farm carpentry/building
- Farm machinery/equipment
- Greenhouse management
- Holistic Management practices
- Hydroponics
- Marketing: Direct (e.g. CSA, farmers market)
- Marketing: Retail (farmstore, other sales)
- Meat slaughter/processing
- Organic certification
- Permaculture
- Timber management
- Value-added products
- Youth education
- OtherOther

How many Stewards would you like to Host? \*

Preferred arrival month(s): \*

Examples: "Must arrive ~April 1", or "anytime between March 15-April 15"

Preferred length of training period:

Example: "7 months: April 1 to October 31" (Stewards typically expect 6-12 months of training with their one Host placement.)

Placement description: \*

What makes your placement special? Are there other opportunities for community / extra curricular activities nearby? Suggested topics: production systems, size, crops grown, livestock raised, other farm enterprises, business philosophy, people/staff/other interns on site, etc.

Training Expectations: \*

Example: work/training requirements, weekly schedule, supervision provided, etc.



Steward's primary training activities will include: \*

Average training hours/week: \*

"Average" training hours may range from 32-40 hours/week for Hosts that offer a stipend, and up to 50 hours/week for Hosts that offer an hourly wage. To accommodate for high/low seasons, this # may be averaged over the course of the full training period.

Steward Compensation. I/we will provide: \*

- Stipend? amt/interval: Stipend? amt/interval:
- Wage? - amt/hour: Wage? - amt/hour:
- Free Housing? - describe: Free Housing? - describe:
- Free housing not available, but have or can help find affordable housing.
- Free, daily food
- Partial food or allowance - describe: Partial food or allowance - describe:
- Health insurance\* (will enroll/maintain/deduct premium from Steward's stipend/wages)
- Health insurance\* (will enroll/maintain/provide as part of the Steward's compensation)
- Other Other

\*Health insurance: J1 trainees (aka Stewards) are required to have health insurance while participating in an authorized U.S. training program. MESA can recommend an affordable J1 trainee health insurance plan with an average cost of \$65/month for you to enroll your Steward. You may also opt to pay MESA to enroll and maintain the Steward's coverage, invoiced for a minimum of 4 months at a time (@\$90/mo.).

Accommodations and amenities provided: \*

Describe housing, if offered, plus amenities, such as: computer, free internet, use of vehicle, etc.

Climate and Location description: \*

Typical weather, plus location type (e.g. rural, urban, semi-urban, easy or no easy access to public transportation, etc.)

Please list your two nearest airports, and approx. driving distance to/from the training site.

Are you willing to host a Steward whose English proficiency is below 30%? \*

- Yes
- No
- Other Other

Choose "Other" if the Steward's English is below 30%, but you're comfortable speaking the Steward's native language. List the language.

Reference 1: \*

Name and phone number of an unrelated person who can attest to your professional qualifications and/or mentoring skills.

Reference 2: \*



Name and phone number of an unrelated person who can attest to your professional qualifications and/or mentoring skills.

We have previously hosted a MESA Steward(s): \*  ▼

We have hosted or currently host J1 interns/trainees in another program: \*  ▼

Placement photo

Drop a file here or click to upload Choose File

Maximum upload size: 4.1MB

Any other photos you'd like to share with a prospective Steward? (.jpg, .png)

Optional photos

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