**2025-26 Massachusetts Farm to School Institute Application Questions**

**(DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM)**

**\*\*You may use this list of questions to prepare your application, but you MUST submit your application via the following two Google Forms:**

* [**APPLICATION PART 1**](https://forms.gle/PwpS93Bs39zK5rYDA)
* [**APPLICATION PART 2**](https://forms.gle/3jfGYKomcpoqLCVPA)

**Institution**

Institution Type (Select One)

* Individual School
* School District
* Early Childhood Center
* Other:

Institution Name:

Address:

Phone:

If applying as a school district team, please list 1-2 schools where you will focus your farm to school efforts:

Grade levels or ages served:

Student Enrollment:

Current % of students eligible for free/reduced meals:

Please describe the population that your school/district or early childhood center serves, including racial & socio-economic demographics. Please include any information that will help give a more complete picture of your student body.

**Team Members**

Instructions:

FOR SCHOOL-BASED & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TEAMS: Teams must be composed of 4-6 individuals representing various constituencies in the school/center and community. Teams must have representation from the 3 following roles: Administration, teachers, school nutrition/food service. Additional team members can include: staff, farmers, school board members, community partners, etc.

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT-WIDE TEAMS: Teams must be comprised of 5-7 individuals representing various constituencies in the school and community. Teams must have: district level administration, teachers, school nutrition/food service. Additional team members can include: staff, farmers, school board members, community partners, etc. In your application, please identify 1 or 2 specific schools in your district where you will focus efforts on implementing a Farm to School Action Plan that can serve as an example for other schools within the district. We have found this to be the most successful way to guide district teams through the planning process.

**Team Leader**

Please note: Team Leader is the lead applicant and serves as the team lead/primary contact.

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address
* Phone Number
* # of Years in Position

In terms of race and/or ethnicity, how do you identify?

*Check all that apply.*

* American Indian or Alaskan Native
* Asian
* Black or African American
* Latinx/Hispanic/of Spanish Origin
* Multi-Ethnic
* Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
* White
* Prefer Not to Answer
* Other:

Pronouns:

**Add all team members who will be attending the fall retreat. In order for your application to be considered complete, each person below must fill out the** [**individual application form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0jlQj2bSEBQ7fFPFYMDP3QRVdGBNdLYbcLNDP9wlT_vyRtQ/viewform)**.**

Team Member #2

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

Team Member #3

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

Team Member #4

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

Team Member #5 (Optional)

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

Team Member #6 (Optional)

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

Team Member #7 (Optional)

* First Name
* Last Name
* Affiliation
* Role/Position
* Email Address

**Application Narrative**

*Please provide enough detail in this section to give us a good sense of your school, team and goals.*

* Describe your current efforts integrating Farm to School into the cafeteria.
* Describe your current efforts integrating Farm to School into the classroom.
* Describe your current efforts integrating Farm to School into the community(includes families, PTO, farmers, community organizations, etc).
* Describe your school-wide efforts to create a learning community that fosters inclusion and diversity.
* What does your team hope to gain from participating in the MA Farm to SchoolInstitute? Please share at least two specific goals.

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* Please tell us why your team feels they should be selected for the 2025-2026 Massachusetts Farm to School Institute. 200 word maximum response.

Are you an MA FRESH grant recipient?

* No
* Yes