

# Application for Farm Aid disaster relief assistance

Please Read Before Completing the Application:

Please read the application guidelines below before completing the application. Be thorough, but concise in your responses to the questions. National Farmers Union (NFU) will only use this information for processing applications and verifying eligibility, and for the required reports to Farm Aid. NFU will not share this information with any other individuals or organizations

## Application Deadline and Process

Applications will be received on a rolling basis and approved as funds allow. For the fastest response, applicants are encouraged to fill out the application online here or download a PDF version and return it.

## Who may apply?

Family farmers in Missouri and Wisconsin who have suffered hardship as a result of flooding and snow related emergencies throughout the midwest are eligible to apply. Funds are reserved for farms that have the highest need. Please fill out the application even if you have received other assistance, such as through crop insurance or other emergency aid.

For the purpose of this program, family farms are defined as farming or ranching units that:

- Produce food, fiber, silage, or forage crops;
- Are recognized as a functioning farm where agricultural production is the primary or substantial means of family income (rural residences that are not farms producing products for sale are not eligible);
- The family is continuously engaged in strategic management and day-to-day operational decisions, and provides a substantial amount of on-site labor to operate the farm.

## What is the amount of the payment?

Successful applicants will receive a one-time \$500 emergency relief payment.

## What can the funds be used for?

Relief payments are intended as emergency relief only. Use of the funds is restricted to household expenses, such as groceries, home utilities, medical bills, or other household expenses not directly related to the commercial operation of the farm or ranch. The funds may not be used for any business expense or investment.

## Assessment criteria

The criteria by which the applicants will be assessed are as follows:

- Family farms within the covered geographic area; and
- Severity of the economic loss caused by the March flooding and snowstorm disaster in the midwest.

## Application review

The application will be reviewed by a panel of at least three people appointed by NFU, to include NFU representatives and state Farmers Union representatives. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. The review panel will confirm criteria and need. Payments will be issued by check to approved applicants within ten days of submission of the application.

## Application assistance

Please contact Tom Bryant at [tbryant@nfudc.org](mailto:tbryant@nfudc.org) or (202) 559-9887 ext. 118 for assistance with this application.

\* Required

1. **Email address \***

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## Application

2. **Name of farmer (person to whom a check will be written if the application is approved): \***

First and last name

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3. **Business name of farm: \***

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4. **Phone number: \***

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5. **Mailing address: \***

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6. **County: \***

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7. **Physical location (address, city, zip, county) of farm, if different from above or if you operate additional production locations. \***

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8. **Is farming your family's sole means of income? If not, estimate the percentage of family income that comes from farming. \***

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9. **Please describe your farm - how many acres in production, types of crops/animals, number pf people including family members involved, marketing outlets, etc. \***

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10. **Briefly describe the impact that the flooding or snowstorm disaster had on your farm and family. \***

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11. **Name of reference \***

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12. **Title and company of reference \***

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13. **Relationship to you \***

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14. **Phone number of reference \***

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15. **Email address of reference \***

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## **Submit**

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By submitting this completed application, you agree to the following statements:

I understand that this application is for a grant of \$500 to be used by me for household expenses, and may not be used for professional expenses related to my farm operation. I certify that all the

information in this application form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If the information in this application form changes, I will inform NFU. I agree that NFU has the right to validate any information provided and will reclaim any money that has been paid as a result of fraudulent or misleading claims.

**16. Name and signature \***

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**17. Date \***

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*Example: December 15, 2012*

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided

