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MID-ATLANTIC MASTER FARMER APPLICATION FORM

You can email your completed application to chris.torres@farmprogress.com.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact editor Chris Torres at the above email or call (717) 679-2677.

Application Deadline: March 19, 2027.

Along with a completed application, each nominee should provide a minimum of **4** letters of recommendation. These letters can come from other farmers, bankers, veterinarians, nutritionists, Extension personnel, community leaders or others who can attest to the nominee's qualifications for the award. News clippings and photos can also strengthen the application.

Name(s) _____

Application Type: Individual ☐ Husband/Wife ☐ Partnership ☐ Siblings ☐

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail _____

I affirm the accuracy of the information provided in this worksheet.

Signature _____

A: The Candidate(s)

1. Please give a brief biography of yourself (co-applicants, please provide separate biography). Don't include farm history here:

2. Please provide level of education in the box below.

Education	Course of Study/Degree	Check completed year
H.S.:		9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐
College:		1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐
Trade School/Other:		1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Co-applicant

Education	Course of Study/Degree	Check completed year
H.S.:		9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐
College:		1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐
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3. Describe members of the family, whether they are involved in the operation or not. If married, please include spouse's name:

4. How many years have you been farming and how did you get started in the business:
5. Give three reasons why you think you are a viable Master Farmer candidate:

B: THE FARM

1. Farm Name:
2. Farm is operated as a: Sole Proprietorship ☐ Corporation ☐
Partnership ☐ Combination ☐

Name of partner(s) or major shareholder(s):	% Interest

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| 3. Please detail your farmland uses: | Acres Owned | Acres Rented |
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Cropland

Pasture

Woodland

4. Please check any of the following agronomic practices being used:

- Soil testing ☐
 Contour strips/terraces ☐
 Nutrient management plan ☐
 Conservation plan ☐
 Forage testing ☐
 No-till ☐
 Integrated pest management ☐
 Reduced tillage ☐
 Sod waterways ☐
 Other ☐ Please specify:

5. CROP PRODUCTION:

Crops	Present Acreage	Farm Yield Average		Management strategies and/or innovations
		5-year Average	Best Yield Ever	
Forages				
Grains				
Fruits and vegetables				

Other crops				

6. Describe your overall cropping program and philosophy, as well as technological and management advances you've made over the past 5 years and how they've helped you meet your goals:

7. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Type of animal	Numbers	Breed	Annual Production/Performance

8. Describe your animal production practices and philosophy, as well as technological and management advances you've made over the past 5 years and how they've helped you meet your goals:

9. Describe your livestock production facilities, enterprise records and markets. Note any innovative or exemplary aspects of the enterprise(s):

10. What major challenges or disasters have you had to overcome during your years of farming:

11. Do you have a written farm business transfer plan? Please explain the process of the transition and how you executed this plan. Include any resources that helped you with the farm transition:

12. Do you derive any income from off-farm sources? If so, what's the percentage of your overall income:

C: Organizational and Community Involvement

Past and present memberships:

Memberships	Office Held (check)				
	Pres.	V. P.	Sec.	Treas.	Other
Farm Organizations					
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
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Community Organizations	Pres.	VP	Sec.	Treas.	Other
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Religious Organizations	Pres.	VP	Sec.	Treas.	Other
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	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Fraternal Organizations	Pres.	VP	Sec.	Treas.	Other
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Service Clubs	Pres.	VP	Sec.	Treas.	Other
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	

1. What public offices have you held, if any:

2. What honors or awards have been bestowed on you:

D. References and Input Suppliers

YOUR TOP BUSINESS AND FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS, AND BANKS

Contact person _____ Institution _____

Location _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____

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