



Agriculture Growth through Entrepreneurship Experience



(AGEE Program) Application Form

ATTENTION: Please Review the 2023 - 2024 Ag Workforce Development Training/Certification Schedule prior to completion. This can be found at <https://easternwv.edu/ag-innovation/>. Please also view Eastern's Academic Degree Programs (<https://easternwv.edu/academics/programs/>).

By completing this form, this signifies that you accept the below information for enrolling into Eastern Agriculture Innovation's AGEE Program which requires the successful completion of the below by March 31, 2024 to receive the \$700 stipend:

1. Experiential Learning with the Potomac Highlands Producers Box Program (40 hour paid experience; \$12 per hour (\$480 maximum)
2. Enroll & complete at least one Ag Workforce Development Micro Credential (\$500 maximum agriculture workforce trainings)
3. Enroll in at least one academic 3-credit course prior (\$500 maximum academic scholarship)
4. Meet with the Agribusiness Coach on Future Entrepreneurship Goals

SECTION A. Eastern Ag Innovation Trainings and Certifications Selection. Please identify the trainings you are registering for by placing a check mark beside each desired training on this form. These trainings are part of the available microcredentials – you may take individual trainings or work towards a micro-credential by completing the minimum required contact hours. Micro-credentials are completed over time. To register, send this completed form to aginnovation@easternwv.edu with **AGEE Program Applicant in the subject line**. For direct questions, contact Maya Paul the Agriculture Program Coordinator by email (maya.paul@easternwv.edu) or by phone (304-434-8000 ext. 9606).

Micro Credential 1. Farm Business Management Certificate - Must complete at least 18 contact hours for micro-credential

- Managing Production Risks | January 11, 2023, 9:00 -12:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Managing Financial Risks | January 11 2023, 1:00 - 4:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Managing Marketing Risks | January 18, 2023, 9:00-12:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Managing Human Resource Risks | January 18, 2023, 1:00-4:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Hard Work and Harmony | January 27, 2023, 5:30-8:30 | 3 hours| \$15
- Managing Legal Risks | January 25, 2023, 9:00-12:00| 3 hours | \$15
- Initiating and Scaling Up Production | January 25, 2023, 1:00-4:00 | 3 hours | \$15

Micro Credential 2. Agribusiness Diversification & Value Adding Certificate - Must complete at least 16 contact h for micro-credential

- Range Meat Academy: Meat Clerk Certificate | online anytime | 15 hours | \$50
- Range Meat Academy: Meat Cutting Certificate | online anytime | 20 hours | \$70
- Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower | February 1, 2023, 8:30 - 5:00 | 8 hours | \$75
- Writing Your Food Safety Plan (toward GAP food safety certificate | February 8, 2023, 8:30 - 5:00 | 8.0 hours | \$40
- Farm & Food Safety Certificate, HACCP at WV Small Farms Conference | February 22 & 23, 2023| 16 hours | \$400
- HACCP Alliance Certified Course for meat processors | November two-days TBD | 18 hours | \$350

Micro Credential 3. Livestock Management Systems Certificate - Must complete at least 18 hours for micro-credential

- Bovine Artificial Insemination Certificate | April 20 & 21, 2023, 9:00 - 4:00 | 14 hours | \$300
- Beef Quality Assurance Certificate (BQA) | June 17, 2023, 8:00 – 10:00 | 2 hours | \$15
- Stockmanship & Stewardship Certificate | June 17, 2023, 10:00 - 4:00 | 7 hours | \$15
- Pasture Management Certificate | September, 2023 | 16 hours | \$15
- Beef Quality Assurance Certificate (BQA) | November, 2023 | 2 hours | \$15
- Grazing & Getting in Synch with the Environment | December 8, 2023 | 5 hours | \$30

Micro Credential 4. Horticulture Management Systems Certificate - Must complete at least 18 contact hours for micro-credential

- Irrigation Management | March 9, 2023, 2:00 - 5:30 | 3.5 hours | \$15
- Cover Cropping & Soil Health | February 21, 2023, 2:00 – 5:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Integrated Pest Management | May 3, 2023, 1:00 - 4:00 | 3 hours | \$15
- Fertigation & Nutrient Management | May 16, 2023, 10:00 - 4:00 | 6 hours | \$15
- Crop Scheduling & Succession Planting | September 27, 2023, 10:00 - 4:00 | 6 hours | \$15
- Preparing & Packaging for Sales | October 5, 2023, 2:30 - 5:30 | 3 hours | \$15



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SECTION A. Eastern Academic 3-credit course selection. Please identify up to \$500 worth of academic courses (tuition: \$40/credit for early entrance & \$160/credit for traditional students). Please reference Eastern's Academic Programs here, <https://easternwv.edu/academics/programs/>. Students may also select an Agribusiness Course, which offers credit towards an Associate Degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Agribusiness. Courses are offered with eligibility to transfer. For direct questions, contact Maya Paul the Agriculture Program Coordinator by email (maya.paul@easternwv.edu) or by phone (304-434-8000 ext. 9606). *Please select up to two options below:*

- Agritourism Enterprise Management** | TRT 281 | 3 credits | Fall Semester | Dr. Dee Knights & Cindy Martel | Online
- Introduction to Agribusiness** | BUS 230 | 3 credits | Fall & Spring Semester | Ms. Gina Alt
- Introduction to Agribusiness Marketing** | BUS 231 | 6 hours | Summer | Mr. Leo Johnson
- Introduction to Agribusiness Entrepreneurship** | BUS 232 | Fall & Spring Semester | Mr. John Riggs | Online
- Other**, please specify _____

SECTION B. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

I understand and agree to the following and waive my son/daughter's participation in:

1. Experiential Learning with the Potomac Highlands Producers Box Program (40 hour paid experience; \$12 per hour (\$480 maximum)
2. Enroll & complete at least one Ag Workforce Development Micro Credential (\$500 maximum agriculture workforce trainings)
3. Enroll in at least one academic 3-credit course prior (\$500 maximum academic scholarship)
4. Meet with the Agribusiness Coach on Future Entrepreneurship Goals
 1. Workforce non-credit certification/provider certification is warranted upon successful completion of the training.
 2. Some trainings may require an examination for pass/fail and certification will be contingent upon a passing completion. Not all trainings require examination, as completion may be satisfactory.
 3. I have responsibility for monitoring my training progress and for consulting with the Agriculture Program Coordinator (maya.paul@easternwv.edu) on the success of my training.
 4. If problems should arise which could affect successful completion of my training and/or academic coursework, I will immediately contact the Agriculture Program Coordinator maya.paul@easternwv.edu or call 304.434.8000 ext. 9606
 5. If I decide to drop the training or academic course, it is my responsibility to notify the Agriculture Program Coordinator (maya.paul@easternwv.edu) immediately.
 6. I understand and agree to the above requirements for this training. I also authorize Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to release information about attendance records, pass/fail progress, and collected survey data to grant partners including the funder, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.
 7. **To receive the \$700 stipend, AGEE students must complete program credentials including the 40 hour entrepreneurial experience program by March 31, 2024.**

SECTION C. SIGNATURES:

Signature of Student	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian, if under age 18*	Date
Signature of High School Principal/Counselor, if under age 18	Date

*Parental/Guardian Consent:

I understand and consent to the terms of this form recognizing that this training may benefit my son or daughter's agriculture skillsets. I understand that each training may include adult learners. I also grant permission to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Workforce Education Department to release my son's/daughter's information about attendance records, pass/fail progress, and collected survey data to grant partners including the funder, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.



SECTION E. AGEE APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Tell us about you. *You may complete and submit these questions on a separate piece of paper, but you must adhere to the word limit for each question.*

1. Why do you desire to be an AGEE Program Student Recipient? (no more than 500 words)
2. Please provide a summary of your education background. (no more than 200 words)
3. Provide a summary of your work and labor experience. (no more than 1,000 words)
4. Describe your farming and/or gardening background (childhood experience, workshops attended, internships, field days, volunteer positions etc.). (no more than 500 words)
5. What are you hoping to learn from this AGEE Program and how does that fit into your ambitions and future goals? (no more than 500 words)
6. Can you provide your own transportation?
7. What else would you like us to know about you? (no more than 500 words)
8. Do you have a preferred time of year to conduct the 40-hour entrepreneurial experience? For example, would you prefer an apprenticeship during spring, summer, fall, or winter?

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SECTION F. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S WORCS AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE DELIVERY OF ANY EARNED CERTIFICATION, COLLECTION OF SURVEY DATA, AND CORRESPONDANCE. THE TRAINING COORDINATOR, CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT 304.434.8000 ext. 9606 OR BY EMAIL TO: aginnovation@easternwv.edu or maya.paul@easternwv.edu. Please reference the AGEE Program in your email's subject line.

To prepare for enrollment, please email the Agriculture Program Coordinator (maya.paul@easternwv.edu) this **completed document** or reach them by phone 304-434-8000 ext. 9609. Applications can also be dropped off at campus.

After connection with the Student Training Coordinator to confirm amount payable, please make your check payable to: Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College or EWVCTC, and in the memo line, please write the name of the training.

Mail to:

Attn: Agriculture Innovation
316 Eastern Dr.
Moorefield, WV 26836

