

# New York State New Farmers Grant Fund Program

## New Farmers Grant - Growing Season 2019



This grant supports beginning farmers who have chosen farming as a career and who actively participate in the production of an agricultural product on their farm.

Applications must be postmarked by January 25, 2019. The grant awards will be announced in late spring/early summer 2019.

**Brief overview:** The Grant Fund offers a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$50,000 to assist with up to 50% of eligible project costs. It aims to help farmers improve farm profitability through:

- Expanding and/or diversifying agricultural production
- Extending the agricultural season
- Advancing innovative agricultural techniques that increase sustainable agricultural production practices such as organic farming, food safety, reduction of farm waste and/or water use

Eligible project costs include the purchase of machinery, equipment, supplies, and the construction or improvement of agricultural structures. To qualify, the owners must be NYS residents, at least 18 years of age and must be in the first ten years of having an ownership interest in any farm operation, farm needs to reside in New York State and must have a minimum of \$10K in annual income from sales of products grown or raised on the farm.

Over \$3 million was awarded to new and early-stage farms across the state since 2014. List of previous awardees at <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/New-Farmers-GF-Previous-Awardees.pdf>

Guidelines at <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2018-Guidelines-New-Farmers-GF.pdf>

Application at <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2018-New-Farmers-GF-Application-Form.pdf>

Detailed information at <https://esd.ny.gov/new-farmers-grant-fund-program>



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