



The MWFFC Planting Stock Access Program

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Planting Stock Access Program Application

The planting stock access program is funded by the Lincoln University of Missouri and is managed by the Midwest Forest Farming Coalition. This program is designed to increase the availability of forest botanical planting stock in the Midwestern US particularly for new and underserved forest farmers. The first round of the program (2025) will award grants to Missouri-based farmers to order up to \$1000 worth of planting stock through the MWFFC. Awardees will fill out an order form which will be fulfilled by the MWFFC, and planting stock will be distributed to them.

Please email your completed grant application, budget worksheet, and any supporting documents to Ezra Houston (houston@lincolnu.edu) and Sougata Bardhan (BardhanS@lincolnu.edu) under the subject line "Planting Stock Access Program Application".

Application Form

Section 1 – Contact Information

Name _____

Street Address _____

Zip Code _____

State _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Farm/Business Name (if applicable) _____

Forested acreage _____

Farm/Business Address (if different from home) _____

Section 2 – Agroforestry Project Information

- 1. What species would you like to grow?** (Species marked with * are eligible for “Forest Grown Certification” through United Plant Savers. To learn more visit <https://unitedplantsavers.org/fvg/>)

- ☐ American ginseng*
- ☐ Black cohosh*
- ☐ Bloodroot*
- ☐ Blue cohosh
- ☐ False unicorn
- ☐ Goldenseal*
- ☐ Mayapple
- ☐ Ramps/Wild leeks*
- ☐ Solomon’s seal*
- ☐ Stoneroot*
- ☐ Wild ginger
- ☐ Wild yam*
- ☐ Wood geranium*
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2. Do you currently farm/grow non-timber forest products underneath a forest canopy?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Why do you want to apply for planting stock funding? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ I want to cultivate planting stock to sell to other farmers.
☐ I want to cultivate planting stock to sell to landscapers and gardeners.
☐ I want to cultivate planting stock to give away or trade with others.
☐ I want to increase the number of harvestable crops in my forest farm.
☐ I want to establish my own forest farm for personal use and enjoyment.
☐ I want to increase the biodiversity in my forest farm by introducing new species.

4. How many years of experience do you have with growing or harvesting non-timber forest products?

_____ Years of experience

5. Where would you like to establish forest botanical plants on the property you own or lease? (Please be as specific as possible and provide images, designs, or maps as part of your supporting documentation.)

6. Where do you intend to purchase planting stock for your agroforestry project (If unsure, see the recommended seller list)

7. How will you protect your planting? (ex. deer fence, traps, brush walls, etc.)

8. What site preparation, if any, is necessary?

9. Are there any special conservation concerns or potential restrictions that may affect the long-term success of your project? (ex. conservation easements, protected areas, lease arrangements, rare and endangered species, overstory mortality)

10. How will your project benefit your farm, livelihood, and community?

Section 3 – Peer-to-Peer Learning Commitment

If you are selected to receive MWFFC assistance and accept funding, you must agree to share your successes and lessons learned with the MWFFC network. This could include hosting a field day, presenting to a group of forest farmers, participating in a webinar or video blog of your project, writing a report, etc. We understand the sensitive nature of forest farming, such as privacy concerns around growing ginseng, and will not require you to participate in ways that you are uncomfortable with.

Are you and your farm/business willing to share aspects of your project's status with the MWFFC network if you are selected to receive financial assistance?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section 4 – Supporting Documents

Please attach the budget worksheet along with any images, designs, or maps of your forest farm that will help demonstrate how your project will be successfully implemented.

Please combine any supporting documents into a single folder and save it following this format: **Name_PlantStockGrant_Application.pdf**