



Tips and Tricks for Applying to the New Agrarian Program

We are so excited that you are considering an apprenticeship with Quivira Coalition's New Agrarian Program! We have created this document to help support you as you prepare your application.

The New Agrarian Program staff is always available to answer your questions about the application process, the program, or any of the sites. Please send us specific questions if you reach out. We cannot review applications or resumes before you submit them.

Our email is newagrarian@quiviracoalition.org.

Before Applying

Before you apply, think about:

- Is this something I'm ready to do or even want to do?
 - Think about your future career goals (even if it will change) and how and if an apprenticeship will fit in with that.
 - What will get you through the eight months? (What is your big "why"?)
 - Consider the challenges of a new place, new people, new home, less income, etc.
- What is it like being a rancher right now? (This isn't "Yellowstone"!)
 - Watch videos and documentaries, listen to podcasts, read articles and books, talk to people at the farmers' market.
 - Quivira has our own [podcasts](#), which would be a great place to start!
- Do I need to gain more experience first?
 - Consider local part-time or volunteer opportunities if you are not sure about this big commitment.

Writing the Application

Put time and effort into your application.

- Read application directions carefully.
- The application is long and writing-based. Take your time and come back to it often.
 - We *strongly* recommend that you copy all of the questions from the application into a word processor or Google doc and write out your answers there first. This makes it easier to save and check for mistakes.
 - Use complete sentences, and check for grammar, spelling, and capitalization.

- Send your application to a friend to check over before submitting.
- Consider how past skills might translate to ranching (i.e. construction, landscaping).
- Mentors want to see that you:
 - Care
 - Will work hard
 - Want to learn
 - Have compatible personalities

Creating a Resume

Here are some goals to shoot for:

1. One page
2. Simple format- use a template that can often be found online
3. Professional font
4. Use terms on your resume from the site description if you're confident using them
5. Tailor the resume to this job
6. Have someone you trust look it over

We recommend applying to 5-7 sites and getting your application in by the deadline. Many of our popular sites (in the mountains and/or with horses) will close right at the deadline, though some might stay open for longer.

You will probably not hear back from us until the first week of January. We try to get all hiring completed by February 1.

Other Resources

Other job boards or organizations that you might want to consider as you explore options in the agricultural field:

- [Quivira's Regen Ag Job Board](#)
- [Rogue Farm Corps](#)
- [Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas \(ATTRA\) Internship Hub](#)
- [Good Food Jobs](#)
- [Sustainable Food Jobs](#)
- [Tufts Comfoods Jobs](#)
- [Western Landowners Alliance \(WLA\) job board](#)
- [Greenhorns](#)
- [Farm and Ranch Jobs.com](#)
- [Ranchworldads.com](#)
- [Ranchjobs.com](#)
- [Facebook Group: Sustainable Agriculture Jobs, Internships, Apprenticeships](#)
- [LinkedIn: Sustainable Food Job Feed](#)

Additional resources document:  NAP - Resources for Further Education [PUBLIC]

Good luck and we look forward to seeing your application!