

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS**

2023-24 Application for Organic Certification Cost Share Program

Fill out this form completely (see guidelines on reverse side) and attach proof of expenses (cancelled check, "paid" invoice, etc.) that were **paid between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024**. If this is your first year of certification, you must also include a copy of your certificate issued by a USDA-accredited certifying agent.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – October 31, 2024

Anyone receiving payment from New York State must be registered in the New York State vendor system. If you do not already have a New York State Vendor Identification Number, you must submit a substitute W9 form with this application so one can be issued. If you do not know your vendor ID number, please provide your tax ID.

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

OWNER NAME		BUSINESS NAME		
CONTACT NAME				
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	COUNTY		

Have you applied for reimbursement through USDA's Farm Service Agency? YES NO

Scope of Certification - Check all that apply and indicate fee paid for each category. If you do not know the amount paid for each category, enter the total amount of certification fees on the "Total fees paid" line.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CROPS /fee paid \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> LIVESTOCK /fee paid \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILD CROPS /fee paid \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> PROCESSING-HANDLING /fee paid \$ _____ |

Certifier: _____ **Total fees paid:** \$ _____
(Membership, transitional and late fees are not reimbursable)

Reimbursements for estimated fees paid: _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Submit application by October 31, 2024 to:
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
Organic Cost Share Program
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
Email: Agr.Sm.Organic@agriculture.ny.gov
Fax: (518) 457-2716
For assistance please call:
Phone: (518) 474-4926

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RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner

August 5, 2024

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 Organic Certification Cost Share Program. Payment to eligible applicants will be 75% of an individual's annual certification costs up to a maximum of \$750 reimbursement per category of certification. To qualify for reimbursement, your initial certification or renewal certification **must be effective between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.**

Reimbursements are issued on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted, so it benefits you to submit your application as soon as possible, **but no later than October 31, 2024.** A postcard or email (if an email address has been provided) will be sent to you acknowledging receipt of your application.

Please note that the time between submission of this form and receipt of payment may be several months. If you do not receive a check by January 10, 2025, please call (518) 474-4926.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: Any vendor receiving payment from New York State must be registered in the New York State vendor system. If you do not already have a New York State Vendor Identification Number, you must submit a substitute W9 form with this application so that one may be issued to you. The substitute W9 form can be found at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237s_fe.pdf. The information provided by you on the substitute W9 form will be used to set up your profile in the vendor system.

OWNER NAME: Business owner.

CONTACT NAME: Individual who should be contacted if there are any questions with the application.

MAILING ADDRESS: If you have been assigned a vendor identification number and your address has changed, you must update your address with the NYS Vendor Management Unit (VMU) by submitting an Update Vendor Default Address form. The form can be found at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3326s.pdf> or contact the VMU by phone at (855) 233-8363, email HelpDesk@sfs.ny.gov.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION: Category(ies) of certification and fee paid.

CERTIFIER: Name of organic certifying agency.

TOTAL FEES PAID: Total amount of fees paid for this year's certification. Payments must have been paid between **October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.** Late fees are not eligible.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A DELAY OF REIMBURSEMENT:

1. Itemized invoice and proof of payment for certification-related expenses. Proof of payment can be a cancelled check, invoice marked "paid in full", etc.
2. **If a newly certified operation**, a copy of your organic certificate valid during the program period of 10/1/2023 and 09/30/2024. **If you are renewing, a copy of your certificate is not required.**
3. Substitute W9 form, if you do not have a NYS Vendor Identification Number.

If you have any questions concerning the Organic Certification Cost Share Program or need assistance completing this application, please contact (518) 474-4926 or agr.sm.organic@agriculture.ny.gov. Thank you.