



# Board of Trustees Application

## Native American Agriculture Fund

### How to Apply

1. Go to <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=naaf>
2. Select “Create New Account” and fill out the registration form.
  - a. Note: We use this system for grant-making purposes as well, so some of the questions serve dual purposes.
    - i. Enter your full legal name for Organization Name.
    - ii. Enter “00-0000000” for EIN. *Ignore the warning saying this EIN is already in the system.*
    - iii. Select “Yes” for Organization Signing Authority
3. From the Applicant Dashboard, click “Apply” in the top left area of the page.
4. Click the blue “Apply” button next to the Board of Trustee Application to begin.
5. Be sure to click the blue “Submit” to send your application for review.

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## *Native American Agriculture Fund*

### *Contact Information*

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#### **Introduction**

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a Member of the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) Board of Trustees. NAAF is a private charitable trust created by the settlement of the landmark *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* class-action lawsuit. NAAF is the largest philanthropic organization devoted solely to serving the Native American farming and ranching community. Over the next seventeen years, NAAF will provide grants to eligible organizations for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers.

Applications are securely housed within this system, when a board opening exists, your application will be vetted by our staff and all complete applications will be sent to the NAAF Governance Committee for evaluation and scoring. The current Trustees may request an interview or further documentation during this process. New board members are voted on during the first meeting of the new year (January or February), unless a seat is vacant and needs to be filled during other times of the year.

The application includes areas for text and file upload. Please fill out the application to the best of your ability. All uploads must be in .pdf format. For more information about NAAF, please review our Trust Agreement ([here](#)).

**All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, natural origin, sex, age, genetic information, or physical or mental disability. In addition, NAAF is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all employees and applicants without regard to marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, political affiliation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, tribal membership, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.**

*Character Limit: 250*

**Applicant Name\***

Full name of the applicant.

*Character Limit: 100*

**Street Address\***

*Character Limit: 250*

**City\***

*Character Limit: 250*

**State\***

Please use the two-letter abbreviation.

*Character Limit: 3*

**Zip Code\***

*Character Limit: 10*

**Email Address\***

*Character Limit: 254*

**Telephone Number\***

*Character Limit: 250*

**Tribal Affiliation\***

*Character Limit: 250*

*Areas of Expertise*

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**Keepseagle Involvement\***

Were you involved in the *Keepseagle v Vilsack* class-action lawsuit?

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Keepseagle Comments**

If you were involved in the Keepseagle case, please give a brief description of your involvement here.

*Character Limit: 5000*

**Areas of Expertise\***

What area(s) of expertise would you bring to the Board of Trustees? (Check all that apply.)

**Choices**

Agriculture

- Agribusiness
- Business
- Community Affairs
- Finance/Banking
- Fundraising
- Land Management
- Legal
- Local Government
- Non-Profit Management
- Philanthropy
- Public Relations
- Tribal History/Knowledge
- Not Listed (explain below)

### Expertise Comments\*

Please give a brief description of your response to 'Areas of Expertise'.

*Character Limit: 5000*

### Agriculture Experience\*

Do you have experience in any of the following forms of agriculture?

#### Choices

- Aquaculture and/or fisheries
- Community gardens and community-level agriculture
- Conservation, climate resilience, regenerative agriculture, sustainable agriculture
- Farming (food, grains, speciality crops, fiber or bio-fuel products)
- Forestry and forest products
- Ranching/livestock production
- Subsistence or hunting and gathering
- Traditional ecological knowledge and practices
- Not listed (explain below)

### Agriculture Experience Comments\*

Please give a brief description of your response to 'Agriculture Experience'.

*Character Limit: 5000*

## *Board Member Experience and Resume*

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### Board Member Experience\*

Do you have prior experience serving on a board?

#### Choices

- Yes
- No

## Board Member Experience Comments

Please give a brief description of your board member experience.

*Character Limit: 10000*

## BOT Interest\*

Please briefly explain why you are interested in being a Trustee and describe any special skills or contributions you would bring to the board.

*Character Limit: 5000*

## Time Commitment\*

Trustees are expected to attend four full board meetings per year (two in-person and two virtual). In addition, Trustees engage in committee work throughout the year. Are you willing to allocate up to 10 hours a month for board duties?

*Character Limit: 5000*

## Future Consideration\*

Trustee seats are generally filled in 1-4 member increments. If you are not selected for this round, do we have permission to keep your application on file for future openings?

## Choices

Yes

No

## Resume\*

Please attach your current resume in pdf format.

*File Size Limit: 3 MB*

## Additional Information

*Optional:* You may use this space to share/upload additional information you would like the Governance Committee to consider with your nomination.

*Character Limit: 5000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB*

## Background Check

Due to the financial and fiduciary responsibilities, any offer to serve on NAAF's Board will be conditioned on passing a background check. For additional information regarding our background check, please contact: [smartini@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org](mailto:smartini@nativeamericanagriculturefund.org)

## Signature\*

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Please type your full name to certify the above statement.

*Character Limit: 250*

