



ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

AMI FARM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2015 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to Allegheny Mountain Institute and the AMI Farm Fellowship Program! Allegheny Mountain Institute is seeking inspiring individuals to participate in the fifth cohort of our AMI Farm Fellowship program (formerly the AMS Fellowship). We are delighted you are interested and look forward to learning about you in the coming weeks.

To apply, please read the instructions in this packet carefully and submit all required documents, references, your completed application and application fee by the February 15, 2015 deadline. More information about our program is available on the AMS website, www.alleghenymountainschool.org, our Facebook page or by email info@alleghenymountainschool.org.

APPLICATION, INSTRUCTIONS & SELECTION PROCESS

The first six components of the list below make up a complete application packet. If you are applying for a scholarship, our Financial Aid Application must also be submitted with the rest of your packet.

We will begin to review applications as soon as we receive them and interviews will be held on a rolling basis, so we urge you to submit your materials early and not wait for the deadline. Please note that applications received after February 15, 2015 will not be processed or subject for review.

1. Personal Information form
2. Personal Experience Questionnaire
3. Statement of Purpose (essay)
4. Resumé
5. Three Professional References
6. Application fee (\$50.00). Please write and mail checks to:

Allegheny Mountain Institute
P.O. Box 542
Staunton, VA 24402-0542



Submit your application fee and application materials electronically to fellowship@alleghenymountainschool.org. The application must be saved as a .doc or .pdf and your file must be saved as **LastNameFirstNameAMIApplcation** (insert your name).

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Please download and provide the 2015 AMI Farm Fellowship Reference Form to each reference (and ask that they submit reference form pages only – pgs. 3 and 4). Request completed documents to be emailed to Allegheny Mountain Institute at fellowship@alleghenymountainschool.org. References must be saved as a .doc or .pdf and these files should be titled and saved as **LastNameFirstNameAMIReference** (insert your name). References will be kept private (applicants will not see references).

INTERVIEWS

The AMI Farm Fellowship is a highly competitive opportunity and only a select number of qualified applicants will be asked to interview. In person interviews are an integral part of the application process and are therefore mandatory. Interviews are scheduled on a rolling basis and will be conducted in Staunton, Virginia. Interviews will be granted on a first come/first serve basis. In some cases it may be necessary to hold a second interview, which may be conducted via phone or Skype or other similarly robust digital communication.

FELLOWSHIP SELECTION

Final Selections will be made no later than March 9, 2015.

If selected, you will have five days from the date of notification to accept and secure your place in the 2015 AMI Farm Fellowship cohort.

TUITION

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Tuition for the 2014 AMI Farm Fellowship is \$3,000 and includes: room and board, training, workshops with experts, and a full Permaculture curriculum that culminates in a Permaculture Design Certificate. The actual expense to AMI for each Farm Fellow is over \$20,000. AMI, however, is supported by local organizations, individuals, and a generous endowment from a Private Foundation that enable Fellows' tuition to be kept low. Scholarships are available for applicants whose economic situation might preclude them from affording the full \$3,000 tuition. Please note that scholarships are applied to the cost of tuition only, and applicants will be responsible for covering all personal expenses during their residency.

Along with tuition payment, AMI Farm Fellows are required to sign and submit the following documents: a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Health History and Physician Authorization Form, Policy Manual, and Waiver of Liability.