



May 13-May 21

# 2022 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS APPLICATION FORM

## Conference Overview

From May 13th - May 21st, Massachusetts Farm to School will host its 6th MA Farm & Sea to School Conference. MFTS and planning partners will center the conference on youth leadership and empowerment. The event will also emphasize workshops that address racial, economic, and climate justice in farm to school programming. The workshops should provide all attendees with concrete skills or actionable takeaways and confidence to make a change in their (school) communities.

The conference brings together individuals interested in farm and sea to school efforts in K-12, (including, but not limited to: student leaders, educators, food service professionals, school administrators, wellness & public health professionals, community organizers, policy makers, parent advocates and producers).

This year, we are shifting from our previous format (day-long, in-person) to a hybrid format. The weeklong event will feature virtual workshops, panel discussions, and facilitated youth networking as well as in-person regional field trips (Saturday, May 13th & Saturday, May 21st).

## Conference Proposals

Conference proposals should relate to the theme of this year's conference - Seeding the Future. We seek workshops that are engaging, youth centered or youth led, represent a variety of program approaches, reflect the diversity of our state, and promote equity in the farm & sea to school movement. Workshop sessions can range from 45-75 minutes. You may submit a proposal for a virtual workshop, in-person field trip, or a two part workshop that includes both a virtual segment and a related field trip.

Under the conference theme, topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Student activism and engagement in farm and sea to school
- Farm to school curriculum and classroom instruction
- Climate and environmental justice
- Racial equity and social justice in the food system
- Food justice, access and security
- Creative school and community partnerships that elevate farm and sea to school programs
- Local food procurement
- Cultural diversity in school meals and farm to school activities
- Engaging and supporting school food service workers in farm to school work
- Aligning school-based health & wellness initiatives with farm and sea to school programs
- Policy efforts and community organizing on the municipal, regional, and state level to support farm and sea to school programs

## Workshop Selection

When evaluating workshop proposals, our review committee will prioritize workshops that:

- Present with youth and/or speak to how youth is centered in their work
- Provide opportunities for interactive participation of attendees with ample discussion time
- Illustrate innovative approaches to incorporating farm & sea to school in the community, cafeteria, and classroom environments
- Highlight ways in which the farm to school movement can promote racial equity and social justice within the food system
- Include at least one presenter who is a Farm & Sea to School practitioner
- Are led by individuals from diverse backgrounds, especially those who have been excluded from or underrepresented in the farm to school movement

## Submission Information

If you are unable to submit [online](#):

[\[https://bit.ly/MACConf-RFP-2022\]](https://bit.ly/MACConf-RFP-2022)

Please mail this form by **March 1, 2022** to:

Mass. Farm to School  
PO Box 213  
Beverly, MA 01915

## Questions?

For questions on your workshop submission, please contact Lisa Damon at 413.253.3844 or [lisa@massfarmtoschool.org](mailto:lisa@massfarmtoschool.org).

# 2022 Workshop Application Form

## Workshop Title

## Workshop/Field Trip Description

Please include a description of the topics to be covered and 2-3 learning outcomes describing how participants will benefit from this session and what tools, skills, or message(s) participants will "take home." For field trips, please include capacity & location details. Feel free to use additional pages if needed.

## Workshop Abstract

50 word maximum. If selected, this 50 word description will appear in the conference program

## Conference Priorities

Please describe any ways in which your session incorporates ideas for youth engagement and activism and/or promotes racial, economic, and climate justice within the farm to school movement

## Workshop Format

Virtual      Field Trip  
2-Part: Virtual & Field Trip

## Target Audience

# Workshop Application Form: Presenter Information

Presenter #1

Name

Affiliation (if any, i.e. organization/school/company)

Email Address

Brief Biography (50 words max.)

Please describe your role or sector within the Farm to School community.

Student	Fisherman	Healthcare	Other:
Classroom Educator	Food Service	Non-Profit Advocate	
Other Educator	Distributor	Government Staff	
Farmer	Comm. Advocate	Elected Official	

## Demographics

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Which racial or ethnic identity do you claim? (Please check all that apply.)

Black or African American	Native American
Hispanic or Latino	White or Caucasian
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	I prefer not to say at this time.
Asian	Other:

## Age

We are seeking generational diversity in our presenter population.

14-18	I prefer not to say at this time.
19-25	
26-39	
40-49	
50-64	
65+	

## Location

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Berkshire	Hampshire	Worcester
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Essex	Norfolk	
Franklin	Plymouth	

Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself that contributes to your unique farm to school perspective?

# Workshop Application Form: Presenter Information

Presenter #2

Name

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Email Address

Brief Biography (50 words max.)

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## Additional Presenters

Do you have more than three presenters? If so, enter their names, email addresses, and organizational affiliations.

Name (Presenter #4)

Affiliation (if any, i.e. organization/school/company)

Email Address

Name (Presenter #5)

Affiliation (if any, i.e. organization/school/company)

Email Address

Name (Presenter #6)

Affiliation (if any, i.e. organization/school/company)

Email Address