

IOIA Organic Community Initiative Scholarship Application

For Year 2023-2024

- The IOIA Organic Community Initiative Scholarship (OCIS) Award provides full tuition for an IOIA Basic Inspector Training Course.
- The scholarship is awarded on the basis of candidate potential to effect change in their organic community and need as judged by the IOIA Scholarship Committee.
- The scholarship pays for tuition, room and board but does not include transportation or other expenses.
- ***Note: this scholarship is available only to those residing outside of the United States and Canada and is limited to attendance in an IOIA sponsored Basic Farm or Processing Training (not advanced trainings) in the year the scholarship is awarded.***

Instructions for preparing the application

The following are **required** for you to be considered as a candidate for the organic Community Initiative Scholarship. Failure to provide all information will disqualify you immediately for consideration.

A complete application consists of:

- Application Form and Essay
- Current Resume – your resume should reflect your education and work experience. Use the same one you would use in a job search.
- Three (3) References, **which consist of a letter from each reference to explain their recommendation.**

The completed application with resume and three references should be emailed to:

scholarship@ioia.net

Deadline for receipt of the application package is October 1.

Applicants will be notified by December 15th.

For further info contact:

scholarship@ioia.net



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Application Form

Name of Applicant Date
 Address
 State/Province Postal/Zip Code Country
 Contact Phone No. Fax
 E-mail address Citizenship

Type of Training Course you are Applying For: Basic Farm Process
 Language(s) Fluent In
 What language(s) do you prefer/plan to conduct community initiatives in?

Sponsor (if have one) Assisting with cost for training? Yes; No.
 Sponsor Address
 State/Province Zip/ Postal Code Country
 Business Phone No. Fax No. email

References:

Name of Reference (may not be a family member)	Reference Phone #	Reference emails
1.		
2.		
3.		

Have you had Organic Inspector Training? Yes No

Type and Location of Training Taken	Year of Training	Type and Location Training Taken	Year of Training
1.		3.	
2.		4.	

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Essay Question

Please submit an essay including the following points:

- Please explain your reasons for applying with a brief history as it relates to organics.
 - What are your goals over the next 5 years and how do these goals fit your vision of serving your community?
 - Please describe how you anticipate the training will enhance your ability to further the goals of the organic community.
 - Provide examples, if any, of your accomplishments to date, particularly with reference to organics.
 - Describe your available time to accomplish your identified organic community goals following the training.
 - Do you have any present, past, or known future involvement that could be perceived by a reasonable person as being in conflict of interest if you pursue this career? Please explain.
 - If you don't receive this scholarship will you still attend an IOIA training, now or in the future?
1. Are you currently or have you ever been a member of IOIA? No; Current; Past, if you have let your IOIA membership lapse, why?

The information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature X _____ Date _____