



Nazareth Farm is a community of volunteers inspired by the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching focused on prayer, community, simplicity and service. We are devoted to developing relationships and eliminating sub-standard housing through home repair in rural West Virginia.

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Sojourner Application

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Sojourner Application

"You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

I.) Personal Data

Name:

Name you prefer to be called:

Present Address:

Permanent Address (if different):

E-mail:

Phone number:

Best way to reach you

Single:

Married:

Other:

phone

email

best time:

II.) Commitment

Nazareth farm asks that Sojourners stay for a minimum of 4 weeks. By saying yes to Nazareth Farm, one is expected to live out their time here committed to the program. Sojourners will be expected to join in all aspects of communal living, including meals, prayer, and work. We may ask you to adjust your stay based on the needs and ability of the farm.

Date available to begin Sojourn:

Desired Length of Sojourn(weeks):

How did you first learn of Nazareth Farm?

Family Member

Past Volunteer Experience

Nazareth Farm Staff member

Facebook

Friend

Campus service office

Nazareth Farm Website

Campus Minister

Service Learning Class

Other _____

Are there any family, financial, or personal obligations that would interfere with your commitment to Nazareth Farm? (e.g., loans, weddings, graduations, sick family member).

Nazareth Farm Sojourners receive ROOM and BOARD. Travel costs, health insurance, and any incidental expenses are not covered by Nazareth Farm. Can you live within these means for your committed time at the Farm?

Sojourners are asked to raise donations for Nazareth Farm in preparation for their time at the Farm. *The suggested donation is \$250.* It is completely understandable if a Sojourner raise more or less than this \$250 goal. Acceptance will not be based on failure or success in meeting this goal. Are you willing and able to fundraise this amount?

Please list other possibilities that you are pursuing besides Nazareth Farm (e.g., other volunteer programs, employment options)? What is the present status of each option?

Do you currently have health insurance?

Yes

No

Would your insurance cover you if you are here?

Yes

No

Please explain any medical or pre-existing conditions which might affect or limit the type of work you could do, if you feel comfortable. Are you currently receiving treatment for these conditions that may be affected by you stay here? Sharing any pre-existing condition will not jeopardize your chance at becoming a sojourner.

III.) Criminal Record Search Release

Nazareth Farm's ministry calls us to service with young people of various ages. In order to provide the safest environment possible for children, we are required by the Dioceses to conduct a criminal background check on all Sojourner applicants. Also, prior to your time at the Farm you must complete the "Protecting God's Children" training (VIRTUS or another) in your local diocese and produce a certificate of completion for our files.

I, (full Name) _____, authorize to Nazareth Farm, Inc. to run a national criminal background check.

Birth Date: _____ **Gender:** **Male** **Female**

Social Security Number: _____

Driver's License #: _____ **State:** _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony or crime? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have you received a driving violation within the past 2 years? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

IV.) Education and Training

High School Attended:

Year of graduation:

College Attended:

Year of graduation:

Trade School:

Year of graduation:

Academic Major or Emphasis:

Other areas of training or expertise:

V) Employment Experience

List most recent first, please.

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| Name and Address of Employer | |
| From/To | |
| Position | |
| Duties | |
| Reason for leaving | |

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VI.) References

Please list the **three people whom you asked to be your reference and are willing to be contacted by Nazareth Farm**. They should know you well, be able to judge your general character, motivation, employment record, and be able to evaluate your qualifications for service with Nazareth Farm. Please give information for a spiritual/character reference, one for an Employer/Supervisor, and one for a Roommate/Friend. None of the references may be a relative, spouse, partner, or significant other.

| NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE/EMAIL | RELATIONSHIP |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 1) Spiritual/Character: | | | |
| 2) Employer/Supervisor: | | | |
| 3) Roommate/Friend: | | | |

I authorize Nazareth Farm to contact the above three references.

I do not authorize Nazareth Farm to contact the above three references.

Signature:

Date:

VII.) Self Reflection Form

Please complete the self reflection form on the following page and submit with the rest of the application. Thank you.

I attest that all information contained in this application is true. In submitting this application I understand and agree that all materials become property of the Nazareth Farm for review and that none of the material will be returned to me.

Signature:

Date:

Self Reflection Form:

Nazareth Farm is a faith-based community rooted in the Catholic tradition. Each person's spirituality is respected.

Respond briefly to the following questions. Please type all responses on a separate sheet.

1. How did your previous experiences as a sojourner play a role in your desire to return?
2. No two sojourns are exactly alike. How will you be open to a different yet familiar experience this time around?
3. What characteristics, gifts, & talents do you have to offer to the Nazareth Farm community?
4. In what ways has being at Nazareth Farm shaped you into the person you are today? How have you shared the cornerstones and lessons you've learned at Nazareth Farm with friends, family, classmates, etc.?
5. As you have experienced the cornerstone of community at Nazareth Farm, conflict and stressful situations can arise. What has your previous sojourn taught you about handling issues as they emerge?
6. What has been one of your favorite tasks as a sojourner? One of your least favorite? Please describe in detail.
7. What role does prayer or reflection play in your life? In what ways are you looking to grow in your faith while ministering to volunteers?
8. Describe a meaningful interaction you had with somebody outside of our intentional community during your time at Nazareth Farm.

Interest Indicator

Please circle the number indicating you level of interest in the following activities.

1 = willing to serve in this area, but not excited.

5 = passionately excited to serve in this area.

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| Leading Chores | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Garden Work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Construction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Painting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Cooking | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Leading Prayer | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Energy Express* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Senior Center** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

*Doddridge County summer reading program

**Clarksburg outreach program for senior citizens

Please return application directly to:

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OR

Sojourner Coordinator

Email: nazarethfarm@gmail.com

We will e-mail you about the status of your application after reviewing it.