



MIFFS Vet-in-Ag Coordinator Position

Deadline to apply: March 1, 2021

Start date: March/April 2021

Location: Remote, with some travel required

Compensation: 7-month contract, \$1300 per month (approximately 50 hours per month from March-September 2021)

Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) is seeking part-time Coordinator for our multicultural Veterans-in-Agriculture Network. The Veterans in Ag Network is a space for veterans to connect with resource and education opportunities in agriculture. It is designed and led by veterans, for veterans. MIFFS is a statewide nonprofit organization that connects beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability. MIFFS leverages strategic, highly collaborative partnerships to create and enable networks of small-scale urban and rural farms that give rise to a resilient local food system. Our work supports entrepreneurial farm business development by serving as the bridge between the resources of USDA service providers, knowledge of subject matter experts, and wisdom from diverse communities throughout Michigan.

This is a contractual position for March/April – September 2021, with the possibility to renew annually pending performance reviews and desired expansion to a full-time position through collaborative funding development.

Responsibilities of the Veterans in Ag Network Coordinator(s) include:

- Represent MIFFS and MIFFS Vets in Ag network at outreach events (virtual and in-person, COVID dependent)
- Coordinate and implement monthly VIA Network meeting or events
- Promote MIFFS and Vets in Ag Network through participation in veteran outreach events across Michigan
- Connect veterans to resources for agricultural business development
- Work with farmer veterans to deliver outreach about USDA Farm Bill Programs and applicable initiatives
- Assist producers in navigating and applying for USDA Farm Bill Programs with local USDA Service Centers
- Maintain updated network member list
- Participate in monthly Veterans Outreach Meetings in partnership with Michigan State University Extension
- Co-develop and implement a farmer veterans advisory council, in collaboration with stakeholders, to identify needs and opportunities to better serve the needs of farmer veterans in Michigan
- Participate in planning and hosting the annual Michigan Family Farms Conference, typically held in February
- Co-develop an evaluation plan with MIFFS staff to track metrics for success for the Vets-in-Ag Network

Desired qualifications include:

- Must be a Veteran with diverse cultural perspectives/identity
- Demonstrated experience in managing social media and virtual meeting platforms to conduct outreach and deliver educational programming
- Ability to maintain detailed records and develop summary reports for MIFFS leadership
- Demonstrated experience coordinating and promoting events
- Farming/food systems background
- Experience writing educational articles/press releases
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to independently develop and maintain a schedule while working independently and in group settings
- Group/meeting facilitation and networking experience
- Clear communication and strong listening skills with demonstrated experience in public speaking
- Strong community ties/connection to Michigan food and farming sectors and veteran support organizations

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**Compensation**

This is a contracted position with confirmed funding for March 2021 – September 2021, with potential to renew and extend. Compensation is \$1,300 per month ~ 50 hours of work per month over the contract period, with the possibility of increased hours or scope of work, depending on available funding and the candidate's interest and experience.

Hiring process

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2021. Please email your application to info@miffs.org, providing your resume and a cover letter describing your relevant experience and why you are passionate about the coordinating MIFFS Vets-in-Ag network and serving the mission of the organization. If you need any support or want to mail in your application, please call 517-709-8271.