

2020 Virginia Organic Certification Cost Share Program  
**Qualifying Period: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020**

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has just received approval by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) for funding through the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP). The OCCSP funds will provide reimbursement to eligible organic growers and processors for 50 percent of their 2019-2020 organic certification costs up to a maximum of \$500 per category of certification.

The reimbursements will be for those who have successfully completed their organic certification from a USDA accredited organic certifying agency between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020. **All paperwork must be submitted to VDACS no later than November 16, 2020.** Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until they have been depleted.

The application must contain the following:

1. VDACS OCCSP Application, completed and signed, which can be found here: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/organiccostshare.pdf>
2. Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) W-9 tax form with original physical signature, which can be found here: [https://www.doa.virginia.gov/forms/CVG/W9\\_COVSubstitute.pdf](https://www.doa.virginia.gov/forms/CVG/W9_COVSubstitute.pdf)
3. Current copy of the applicant's organic certificate from an accredited certification agency;
4. Itemized receipt(s) from the certifier detailing the total cost of services rendered and showing the date of payment within the program time-frame.

Please direct questions to:

Roz Stein at **804-786-3951** or [roz.stein@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:roz.stein@vdacs.virginia.gov)



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# Organic Certification Cost Share Application

**Cost Share Funds Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis  
Each Applicant will receive 50% of Certification Costs up to \$500**

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County where farm is located: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID Number or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total acreage certified organic: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Products Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Application must be signed and accompanied by the following:

- Copy of current organic certificate showing certification date
- Copy of itemized receipt(s) from the certifier detailing total cost of services rendered, showing date of payment
- Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) W-9 tax form with original signature

### Send to:

VDACS Division of Marketing and Development  
Attention: Roz Stein  
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Richmond, Virginia 23219  
PHONE: 804-786-3951  
FAX: 804-371-7786

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Approved Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

