

OFA 2021 Governing Council & Policy Committee NOMINATION FORM

Tell us about yourself

Each year, Organic Farmers Association issues a broad nomination process to gain new leadership to fill open seats in our Governing Council and Policy Committee.

Governing Council 2021 Open Seats:	Policy Committee 2021 Open Seats:
California Region: Farmer	California Region: Farmer
Western Region: Farmer & Organization	Western Region: Farmer & Organization
North Central Region: Farmer & Organization	North Central Region: Farmer
Midwest Region: Farmer	Midwest Region: Farmer & Organization
Southern Region: Farmer	Southern Region: Farmer & Organization
Northeast Region: Farmer & Organization	Northeast Region: Farmer

The **2021 nomination process will accept candidates until September 30, 2020**. Organic Farmers Association Farm Members will vote on the candidates for both leadership bodies during the month of October. Newly elected members will join the committees at the annual meeting (during the first quarter of 2021; exact date TBD).

All candidates must be current OFA members.

Open seats are for either: **certified organic farmers** or **staff or board members from non-profit organic farming organizations who serve certified organic farmers as all or a significant portion of their stakeholders.**

To read more about the Governing Council and Policy Committee, [visit our website](#).

To read the Bylaws of Organic Farmers Association, [click here](#).

* 1. Your Information

First and Last Name

Farm or Organization
you would be
representing

City/Town

State

Email Address

Phone Number

* 2. Are you a current member of the Organic Farmers Association?

****You must be a current member to be eligible.**

*****If this nomination is to fill an organization seat, the organization (not the individual) must be a current OFA member.**

Yes

No

* 3. Please select the REGION in which your farm (or organization) resides.

- CALIFORNIA
- WEST
(Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas)
- NORTH CENTRAL
(North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin)
- MIDWEST
(Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania)
- SOUTH
(Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and all U.S. Territories)
- NORTHEAST
(New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware)

OFA Regional Representation

* 4. Which leadership committee would you like to serve on?

- Governing Council (2-year terms; up to 3 consecutive terms)
- Policy Committee (2-year terms; up to 3 consecutive terms)
- Both

* 5. The Governing Council and Policy Committee both include 2/3 certified organic farmers (voting members) and 1/3 organic farm organizations (advisory members).

Please select which seat you are representing.

- Certified Organic Farmer
- Organic Farm Organization

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Certified Organic Farm Nomination

* 6. Please enter your NOP organic operation ID number.

If you do not know your NOP ID number, you can look it up at organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/Search.aspx

* 7. Please tell us more about your farm, including the certified organic products on your farm, number of acres, number of years you have been farming, and your role on the farm.
(This will be used to inform voters about your farm on the ballot.)

8. Please enter your farm's website if you have one:

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Organization Nomination

* 9. In 2018, the Governing Council passed Bylaws that clarified that our elected leadership committees must be a hybrid of **certified organic farmers** and **staff or board members from non-profit organic farming organizations who serve certified organic farmers as all or a significant portion of their stakeholders.**

Is your organization a non-profit organic farming organization that serves certified organic farmers as all or a significant portion of your stakeholders?

Yes

No

* 10. Please enter the organic farm organization that you represent and your position at that organization (staff with specific title or board member).

Organization

Position

* 11. Please tell us about your organization and how it serves certified organic farmers.
(This will be used to inform voters about your organization on the ballot.)

12. Please enter your organization's website if you have one:

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Bio for Ballot

* 13. Please share with us a short paragraph that tells us about yourself and your accomplishments. Please briefly state your experience in organic farming and why you want to help grow a strong national voice for organic farmers. What assets will you bring to OFA's work to represent certified organic farmers at the national level?

(This will be used to inform voters about you on the ballot.)

* 14. Please provide 2-3 professional references (Name, Affiliation, Email, Phone)

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ABOUT YOU

These questions help us learn more about you and help us fulfill our diversity values in OFA leadership, striving to ensure diversity and equal representation of the nation's organic farmers.

* 15. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary/ third gender
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

* 16. Please select your age group:

- 49 or younger
- 50 or older

17. Please select the race(s) and/or ethnicity that best describes you.

- White
- Black or African-American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- From multiple races
- Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino
- Some other race or ethnicity (please specify)

**Thank you for completing our Nomination Form.
Select "Submit" below.**