



## Membership Application Form

### 1. Type of Membership (check a, b, or c):

- a. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS** - Groups that represent immigrant and refugee farmers and farm workers in transition to becoming farmers as part of their organization mission or goals. Organizations are asked to pay annual dues at the appropriate level based on the annual budget as outlined below.

<i>Pay dues of:</i>	<i>If organizational annual budget is:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25.00	Up to \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50.00	\$100,000- \$250,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	\$250,000- \$750,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	\$750,000-\$950,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	\$950,000 and over

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NIFI member organizations receive one vote per organization and are eligible for NIFI sponsored training, mentoring, technical support, and relevant information. Organizations are also entitled to be listed on NIFI's website. Please provide us with a description of your organization and/other materials that you would like to have posted in NIFI's website.

- b. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (Friends of NIFI)**- Immigrant and refugee farmers and individuals who directly support them.  
 Minimum donation of \$5  
 Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of NIFI together cast one vote.

- c. OTHER MEMBERS (Supporter of NIFI)** – Organizations or individuals that do not qualify in above categories, but would like to contribute financially may be approved as a “supporter of NIFI”  
 Suggested contribution of \$25  
 Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. CONTACT INFORMATION (Organizational members should designate **Representative** to NIFI):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please include cash or check with your annual membership contribution. Checks can be made payable to *National Immigrant Farming Initiative or NIFI*.

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## **NIFI PRINCIPLES and GOALS:**

**Principles-** National Immigrant Farming Initiative (NIFI) brings leaders together at the national level in an attempt to affect policies and programs for new American farmers. NIFI Members join to work on behalf of the immigrant and refugee farming community nationwide. NIFI's founding board members have established the following principles, to which all member organizations must subscribe:

- We stand in solidarity with refugee and immigrant farmers and the organizations that serve these farmers.
- We work together to promote just livelihoods for farmers. Justice and equity are basic rights for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.
- We value and honor diversity in people, cultures, and ways of knowing. We believe that indigenous and community based agricultural knowledge must be respected and preserved.
- We must sustain the natural resources upon which we depend. Farming practices should protect and enhance the land and the surrounding environment.
- We create opportunity through unity and inclusion. The long term self sufficiency of refugee and immigrant farmers depends on access to services and resources.
- Our cause is advanced by visibility and advocacy. Underserved and underrepresented farmers must have a voice.

**Goals-** NIFI is working toward three long range goals:

- The development and implementation of progressive national policies responsive to refugee and immigrant farmers' needs
- The development of the capacities of member organizations working with farmers to support democratic organizational development processes, and
- The development of long-term relationships with farmers, organizations, and communities to work effectively for sustainable livelihoods for new American farmers.

I/we mutually subscribe to the principles of the National Immigrant Farming Initiative.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed form by e-mail (preferred) or regular mail to:**

**NATIONAL IMMIGRANT FARMING INITIATIVE - NIFI**  
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