



**A subsidiary of Better Farm  
31060 Cottage Hill Road - Redwood New York 13679**

Thank you for your interest in applying to Better Farm's betterArt residency program! betterArt seeks to provide an opportunity for creative exploration and growth to artists, writers, and musicians within the context of Better Farm's dynamic environment.

Located 10 miles from Alexandria Bay and the Thousand Islands, Better Farm is situated on 65 acres of property offering an unparalleled rural living experience. There are two lakes within walking distance; an on-site pond; vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens; shop space; open-air sheds for pottery and painting; a multimedia room; and a practice space for musicians (recording equipment available for a nominal additional fee). Family-style dinners, all linens and towels, wireless Internet, on-site parking, movie nights, and field trips are included in a low stipend we require of all residents. Residents are responsible for all other meals, travel, and other expenses. The environment is simple and communal. Residents are expected to do their share in maintaining the condition of Better Farm as well as its peaceful environment.

To that extent, residents at Better Farm are expected to interact and participate in the goings-on around the property; such as helping with farming or assisting at farmers' markets; doing minor construction projects, helping with house chores, cooking, or assisting with other odd jobs. Additionally, all those accepted for residence at Better Farm are expected to work seriously—and to conduct themselves in a manner that aids fellow residents in their endeavors.

The standards for admission are talent, desire to live and work at Better Farm, and a willingness to have a go at the Better Theory: a belief that each moment presents us with the opportunity for exponential personal growth. **RESIDENCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A ROLLING BASIS WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION.**

**All applications must be sent to:**

[info@betterfarm.org](mailto:info@betterfarm.org)

OR

**betterArt Residency Program  
c/o Better Farm  
31060 Cottage Hill Road, Redwood NY, 13679**

ALL APPLICANTS must include:

- The enclosed forms filled out in their entirety
- An up-to-date resumé or CV
- Links to work online (if submitting application electronically), or a CD or DVD sent through regular mail. PLEASE DO NOT E-MAIL IMAGES, VIDEOS, or other large files (with the exception of your artist's statement, resumé, and explanation of intent). If you would like to e-mail your written application and/or links to online work, please clearly specify if you have additionally sent a CD or DVD to us by regular mail.
- **REQUIRED WORK SAMPLES** (you must be able to take full credit for your work):
  - Visual Artists: Six to 12 high-res .jpegs
  - Composers/Bands: Recordings of at least three original compositions
  - New Media: Three online samples of finished pieces
  - Writers: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: A full manuscript, up to 12 poems, one short story, two chapters from a novel, or three essays or published articles
  - A stamped, self-addressed envelope, with sufficient postage if you wish to have any materials returned to you



Please briefly answer the following:

**Why do you want a residency at Better Farm?**

(Answer not to exceed one page, attach statement as .doc or attach a printout to this form)

**Please enter your artists' statement or project proposal here:**

(Answer not to exceed one page, attach statement as .doc or attach a printout to this form)

***Please list references who can speak to your artistic commitment.***

**REFERENCE 1**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 2**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ASKED OF ALL APPLICANTS AND IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS, INJURY, OR EMERGENCY, BETTER FARM SHOULD CONTACT:

1) NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY DRUGS?

IS THERE ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF THAT A PHYSICIAN SHOULD KNOW?

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IF YOU WISH BETTER FARM TO REACH A PHYSICIAN WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY, LIST HERE:

DOCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE NO MEDICAL FACILITIES AT BETTER FARM**

**Please read the following statements and sign:**

**It is agreed that all guests will abide by the established customs of Better Farm and its community. It is understood that a guest's visit may be terminated at any time entirely at the discretion of the management. It is further understood that use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances by Better Farm fellows or their guests will result in immediate termination of residency. It is understood that Better Farm reserves final residency scheduling authority.**

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

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_