

## NOFA-VT Farm Share Application Scoring Rubric

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<p>This rubric indicates how Farm Share applications will be assessed, with the goal of identifying applicants with the most barriers to accessing local food.</p>	
<p><b>Financial Information (max of 12 points)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people are in your household?</li> <li>What is your household income range before tax?</li> </ul> <p>Based on <a href="#">Federal Poverty Level Assessment</a></p>	<p>&lt;50% FPL = 6                      50% - 100% FPL = 5                      100% - 150% = 4                      150% - 200% = 3                      200% - 250% = 2                      250% - 300% = 1                      &gt;300% = 0</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much access do you have to savings, emergency funds, or other financial support?</li> </ul>	<p>0 = sufficient access (<i>access to 3+ months worth of expenses</i>)                      1 = some access (<i>1-3 months worth of expenses</i>)                      2 = no access</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much burden do your financial expenses have on your ability to purchase local food?</li> </ul> <p><i>Some examples of expenses include childcare, medical, rent/mortgage, utilities, financially supporting non-dependent family members, etc.</i></p>	<p>0 = do not impact access                      1 = somewhat impact access                      2 = prohibit access</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many other barriers do you experience in accessing local food?</li> </ul> <p><i>Some examples of barriers include but are not limited to mental or physical health, transportation or geographic location, etc.</i></p>	<p>0 = no barriers                      1 = some barriers                      2 = significant barriers</p>
<p><b>Demographic Information (max of 4 points)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is anyone in your household a senior, veteran, or have a disability?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes = 1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does anyone in your household identify as BIPOC, New Americans, or have a primary language other than English?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes = 1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people in your household identify as LGBTQ+?</li> </ul>	<p>If &gt; 0 = 1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does anyone in your household identify as a survivor of domestic</li> </ul>	<p>Yes = 1</p>

abuse or violence?	
<b>Household Information (max of 8)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is anyone in your household a single parent (i.e., one person caring for a child(ren) without another care-giver)?</li> </ul>	Yes = 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many dependents is your household supporting?</li> </ul>	1 point per dependent, max of 5 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is your household composed of individuals under 18 living without parents or guardians?</li> </ul>	Yes = 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is your household facing housing insecurity or eviction?</li> </ul>	Yes = 1
<b>Other Information</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waitlisted in the last season, or new applicant?</li> </ul>	Yes = 1
<b>OVERALL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX of 25 Points</b>

**Notes about Scoring**

- All applications will be evaluated based on this rubric. Applications with higher scores will receive funding priority. If funding will not cover all applications of the lowest eligible score, applications of this score will be selected using a lottery system (random selection).
  - For example if there are 20 applications with a score of 15 points but funding only allows for 10 applications to be approved, 10 of the 20 applications will be selected using a lottery system.
- If an applicant selects “prefer not to answer” for a given question, it will not impact their score.
  - Your score is calculated by dividing the number of points you receive by the total number of points you could have possibly received. If an applicant selects "prefer not to answer" for a given question, that question and its associated points will no longer count towards the total number of points that that applicant can receive.
  - For example if an applicant selects “prefer not to answer” on *one* demographic question, the maximum number of points will decrease from 24 points to 23 points.