

2026-2027 Eligible Master Courses by TAEF Program

Educational Requirement

Approved applicants are required to have a current eligible master certification at **time of reimbursement** – not at time of application – to be considered for cost share reimbursement.

- Eligible courses are determined by program.
- Certificate must be completed by the approved applicant. No substitutions allowed.
- Certificates must be issued 2023 or after to be eligible.

TAEF Application A		
Program	Eligible Master Courses	Certificate Eligibility
Genetics	Master Beef	<i>Certificates must be issued 2023 or after to be eligible.</i> <i>Certificates must be in the name of the approved applicant. No substitutions allowed.</i>
Hay Equipment	Master Small Ruminant	
Hay Storage	Master Dairy	
Herd Health	Master Farm Manager	
Livestock Equipment	Master Farm Family Health & Wellness	
Livestock Fencing	Master Forage Program	
Working Structures & Fence-line Systems	Master Horse Program	
Farming Solutions	Master Beef Master Small Ruminant Master Dairy Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness Master Forage Program Master Horse Program Master Row Crop	
Dairy Solutions	Master Dairy Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness Master Forage Program	
Row Crop Solutions	Master Row Crop Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness	
Poultry Grower	Master Commercial Poultry Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness	
Swine Producer	Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness	
Beginning Farmer Option <i>Genetics, Livestock Equipment, Livestock Fencing</i>	UT Farming Fundamentals TSU New Farmer Academy	

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TAEF Application B		
Program	Eligible Master Courses	Certificate Eligibility
Agritourism*	Master Farm Manager	Certificates must be issued 2023 or after to be eligible.
Fruit & Vegetable*	Master Farm Family Health & Wellness	
Value-Added Products*	TSU New Farmer Academy	
Honey Bees	Master Beekeeping Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness TSU New Farmer Academy	Certificates must be in the name of the approved applicant. No substitutions allowed.
Horticulture	Master Nursery Producer Master Farm Manager Master Farm Family Health & Wellness TSU New Farmer Academy	
Organics	Must be USDA certified or working towards certification to qualify for 50%.	
<i>*Agritourism, Fruit & Vegetable, Value-Added Products applicants may also qualify for 50% cost share by completing (2) eligible special requirements courses.</i> <i>Email producer.diversification@tn.gov for special requirements list.</i>		

Master Certification

The University of Tennessee offers several educational programs for the agricultural industry. These programs are designed to provide hands-on experience in current management practices that are important to the profitability and sustainability of the industry.

Contact your local UT/TSU Extension office to inquire about educational course offerings.

- University of Tennessee | utextension.tennessee.edu
- Tennessee State University | tnstate.edu/extension

Recertification is required if certificate was issued prior to 2023. If you are unsure when you earned your master course certification, please contact your local UT/TSU Extension Agent for assistance.

The following chart indicates master producer certificate eligibility by TAEF program year.

TAEF Program Year	Master Certificate Eligibility
2026-2027	Certificate issued January 1, 2023 or after
2027-2028	Certificate issued January 1, 2024 or after
2028-2029	Certificate issued January 1, 2025 or after
2029-2030	Certificate issued January 1, 2026 or after
2030-2031	Certificate issued January 1, 2027 or after