



2021 OEFFA Fees for NEW Handlers

Fees must be paid with Organic System Plan (OSP) submission
Keep a copy of this form for your records

Due 3-15-21

BASIC INFORMATION

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| Operation Name | | Operation # | |
| Contact Name | | Phone | |
| Mailing Address | | Fax | |
| City, State, Zip Code | | Email | |

Important Information (check all that apply):

- This is my first application for certification with OEFFA.
We accept new applicants from OH, IN, KY, MI, NY, PA, WV, IA, IL, MO, VA & WI only.
- I was previously certified with OEFFA, gone for some time, and I'm now certifying again. (List operation # _____)
- I've previously been denied certification or had my certification suspended (including partial suspensions) or revoked.
- Check this box if you do NOT wish to be an OEFFA member (membership is complimentary).

New Applicants: If you have never been certified, fees are based on projected gross income from organic products and services for your first 12 months of organic certification.

Please note: For 2021, we will accept applications from new handlers until **March 15, 2021**. After this deadline, we will no longer be able to accept applications from handlers who are not currently certified with OEFFA. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Inspection fees and expenses are additional and will be billed after the inspection. Your inspector will contact you to discuss these fees before your inspection. The inspection fee is determined by the complexity of your operation, the number of sites the inspector must visit, the length of the inspection, and the travel expenses incurred by the inspector. **Inspection fees typically range from \$250 to \$1,000.**

Calculate your APPLICATION FEE: Fill in boxes 1 through 3 below and enter the total in box 4

- 1. Base Application Fee, based on your projected gross income from organic products and services in the first 12 months of organic certification.**

Certified operations may apply to their appropriate state agency for organic certification cost-share reimbursement.

| Projected Organic Gross Income | Application Fee |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| < \$50,000 | \$500 |
| \$50,001 - \$249,999 | \$1,000 |
| \$250,000 - \$499,999 | \$2,000 |
| \$500,000 - \$699,999 | \$3,000 |
| \$700,000 - \$899,999 | \$4,000 |
| \$900,000 - \$2,499,999 | \$5,000 |
| \$2,500,000-\$4,999,999 | \$6,250 |
| \$5,000,000-\$9,999,999 | \$7,500 |
| >\$10,000,000 | \$10,000 |

Organic Gross Income will be verified at inspection.

Box 1. Enter your base application fee: \$

- 2. If you would like to rush your certification, choose from the following options. Box 2. Enter rush fee:** \$

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| Rush Tier 1 – OEFFA will assign an inspector as soon as possible after the receipt of the complete OSP and payment; inspector will submit report within 2 business days of inspection; we will notify the operator of compliance issues or issue a certificate within 5 business days after the inspection report is received. Certification is not guaranteed | \$1,000 |
| Rush Tier 2 – OEFFA will make every effort to complete the process in less than 90 days. Certification is not guaranteed. | \$500 |

- 3. If you would like to add Organic Plus Trust grass-fed certification. Box 3. Enter grass-fed fee (\$300):** \$

Box 4. ADD BOXES 1-3 FOR TOTAL FEES DUE WITH APPLICATION: \$

*******YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT INFORMATION (SEE REVERSE)*******

PAYMENT: Include your check (payable to OEFFA Certification) or Credit Card information

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| Check #: _____ (make check payable to <u>OEFFA Certification</u>) Check Date: _____ <i>Returned checks are subject to a \$20 administrative fee.</i> |
| Credit Card Issuer: <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover |
| Credit Card #: _____ |
| Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CVV/Security Code: _____ (3- or 4-digit code) |
| Signature for Credit Card: _____ <i>Notify us if your credit card has a daily limit lower than the total due from page 1.</i> |

* You may also pay the application fees on-line via our payment portal: <https://certification.oeffa.org/handlers-payment/>

PAYMENT PLAN: If you apply before March 15th, you may request to split your fee into 2 or 3 payments

To pay in two or three installments, complete the table below. You must have your fees paid in full within three months.

Please note:

- You must include a \$25 administrative fee with your 1st payment.
- OEFFA will not proceed with the certification process until 2/3 payment is received and a certificate will not be issued until fees are paid in full.
- OEFFA will retain your credit card information and automatically bill your credit card when payment is due.

| *For OEFFA use only* | | |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Payment Amt | Due Date | Rec'd / Ck # |
| #1: | | |
| #2: | | |
| #3: | | |

To agree to these terms, fill in the following:

The amount you entered in Box 5 is: \$ _____.

I will make two payments

Divide the amount you wrote above by 2: \$ _____.
This amount + \$25 is what you must pay now.

The remainder must be paid in full 1 month from today.

One month from today is: _____.

I will make three payments

Divide the amount you wrote above by 3: \$ _____.
This amount + \$25 is what you must pay now.

The remainder must be paid in full 2 months from today.

Two months from today is: _____.

Refunds and Additional Fees

- If an application is withdrawn or certification is surrendered after payment and before inspection, a refund of 80% of application fees may be granted for each withdrawn or surrendered scope. A higher percentage may be retained by OEFFA for additional services rendered between submission and withdrawal/surrender. No refunds will be given after inspection.
- A full schedule of services and fees with additional detail is available in the OEFFA Certification Policies & Procedures manual.

Submit all application materials and payment to:

OEFFA Certification
41 Croswell Road
Columbus, OH 43214
Email: organic@oeffa.org
Fax: (614) 421-2011

For any questions, call (614) 262 -2022

Application and payment of fees does not guarantee certification.