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Please use this guide to determine whether or not you qualify for the Charter Grower Program. These are the baseline requirements, and there are no exceptions to this policy.

1. Day to Day Operations: I live at the farm, close enough that I am there on a daily basis, or have an on-site farm manager.
2. Irrigation: I have an existing irrigation source other than my residential well, or plan to install one.
3. Labor: I am willing and able to invest the 20-25 hours/week needed for hop production.
4. Communications: I have Internet connectivity, and use email and web sites daily. We do much of our communication and information sharing via the web.
5. Electricity: There is an existing source of electricity within range of the intended hop yard, or plans to install one.
6. Storage: There is an existing outbuilding (other than a residential garage) within range of the intended hop yard, or plans to install one.
7. Background: I have already attended the Hops 101 workshop or other seminar presented by Gorst Valley Hops (i.e. MOSES conference), or I have prior experience growing hops (1/2 acre or more).
8. Soil Sample: I have a recent (within the last 6 months) soil sample that can be included with this application.

If you can answer affirmatively to all of the above questions please fill out the form on the following page, save it, and return it as an email attachment to [charter@gorstvalleyhops.com](mailto:charter@gorstvalleyhops.com). Questions about the application process can also be directed to this email address.

All Charter Growers are required to attend the Gorst Valley Hops Introductory (101) and Technical (201) production workshops. Initial hop yard establishment may be no less than 1 full acre and no more than 2 acres.

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Residence Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Farm Address, City, State, Zip (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Home to Farm \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Month & Year of Hops 101 or other workshop \_\_\_\_\_

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**Crop Production Experience**

Crop Experience (check all that apply)

Corn, Field	Corn, Sweet	<u>Years Farming:</u>
Soybeans	Potatoes	
Dairy	Cranberries	<u>Farming is:</u>
Orchard	Small Grain	<u>Are you a Certified Pesticide Applicator?</u>
Tobacco	Nursery	(all accepted Charter Growers must obtain a
Christmas Trees	Mixed Vegetables	Pesticide Applicator license)
Other: _____		

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**Site Specifics**

<u>Soil Characteristics:</u>	<u>What is your water source?</u>
Rocky:	
Clay:	<u>Are there outbuildings on the farm?</u>
Organic Matter:	
Sandy:	<u>Is there electricity on the farm?</u>
Drainage:	

Please attach a scanned copy of a recent soil sample with this application.

Forms and questions can be sent to [charter@gorstvalleyhops.com](mailto:charter@gorstvalleyhops.com)