

Learning Site for Agriculture *a Briefer*

ABOUT

The Learning Site (LS) is a farm practicing applicable agricultural technologies, employing doable farming strategies and operating successfully, thus, worthy of emulation. The farmer-owner/farm family is relatively advanced compared to the majority of the farmers.

This farm will be accredited by the ATI as LS after a thorough evaluation and more importantly, acceptance of responsibility by the farmer-owner/farm family.



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Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA)

GENERAL FEATURES

- consists of the farmer-owner/farm family and his/their farm
- the farm serves as demonstration area for hands-on learning
- the farmer/farm family serves as resource person/ source of technology
- demonstrates applicable technologies and farming strategies
- with basic techno demo farm facilities, holding area, a wash room and toilet

FUNCTIONS

The LS will serve as model or an example to showcase applicable agriculture technologies and thereby help improve farming capabilities of small farmers.

Specifically, it shall serve as:

- practicum area to complement classroom learning;
- venue for practical and hands-on learning for immediate use;
- field visit area for other farmers, ATI's training participants and others interested in agriculture; and
- On -the- job training (OJT) site for ATI's scholarship program grantees, its other programs like the "Adopt a Farm Youth Program" under the 4-H Farm Youth Program as well as other interested agriculture students and individuals.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Farm

The farm can be any of the following:

- Privately-owned farm(farmer's farm, NGO farm, PO farm) RBO-owned farm (4-H Club, RIC, P4MP, Irrigators's Associations, IP Organization, Magsa sakang Siyentista Organization, other farmers associations; farmers cooperatives)
- Demonstration farm duly owned by the ATI as an institution
- With basic techno- demo farm facilities
- Accessible by land and other transportation facilities

The Farmer-Owner/Farm Family

The farmer-owner/farm family may be any of the following:

- Graduate of ATI's training courses/program relevant to the operation of a learning site
- Magsasaka Siyentista (MS) of the FITS Center component of the Techno-Gabya Program
- Member of Rural-Based Organizations (4-H, RIC, P4MP, IP Organization and other farmers associations/ organizations) or Farmers Cooperatives
- Private Farmers/farm families interested
- Farmer-recipients of DA family support such as farm machineries, equipment, facilities, production inputs and other benefits
- Successful in farming or as a farmer- entrepreneur;
- Farm tiller or should be the main actor in the operation of the farm, not just a farm owner /businessman;
- A Filipino citizen residing in the country, not dual citizenship;
- Willing and able to demonstrate technology/ies in his /their farm;

- Is a farmer-leader or is respected in the community;
- With potentials for further enhancement;
- Willing to be trained regularly;
- Is healthy; physically and mentally fit to perform the responsibilities of LS; and
- Not more than 65 years old, unless still physically and mentally fit

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Farmer-Owner/Farm Family

- Prepare and submit a development plan after acceptance to become LS.
- Provide counterpart in the development of the site.
- Implement the development plan as approved
- Update the ATI regularly on the status of implementation of the development plan and submit a completion report after.
- Make available his/their farm as demonstration area for hands -on learning
- Practice diversified and integrated farming system
- Orient/lecture on field training participants, field visit groups , scholarship grantees, 4-H youth trainees and other groups arranged by the ATI
- Attend ATI-required capacity building interventions
- Maintain farm record: production and sales data, technologies developed/shared, farm activities undertaken, farm visitors and trainees served other relevant accomplishments
- Submit quarterly accomplishment report to the ATI
- Sustain operation as LS for at least five (5) years.