

**Title 2—DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
Division 100—Missouri Agricultural
and Small Business
Development Authority
Chapter 2—Beginning Farmer
Loan Program**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

2 CSR 100-2.020 Applicant Eligibility Requirements. The authority is amending sections (1) and (2) of the rule.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the amendment is to clarify borrower eligibility requirements for the program.

(1) The following criteria must be met before making application for a loan through this authority:

(A) *[If an individual, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States or a person who has been legally admitted for permanent residence in the United States and is a resident of Missouri at the time of the loan application; and]* **The applicant must be an individual and must be able to provide proof of citizenship, identity, certify the intent to become a Missouri resident, and must be a resident of Missouri at the time of bond issuance. If the applicant employs laborers, he or she must provide proof of enrollment and participation in the federal work authorization program.**

[(B) If a partnership, the principal partners or applicant must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and residents of Missouri.]

(2) The applicant must be a *bona fide* farmer or rancher—

(A) Doing business *[in Missouri either]* as an individual *[or partnership]*, who is recognized *[in the community]* as one whose chief occupation is farming or ranching; and

AUTHORITY: section 348.075, RSMo 2000. Original rule filed July 12, 1984, effective Oct. 11, 1984. Amended: Filed Feb. 11, 2009, effective Aug. 30, 2009.*

**Original authority: 348.075, RSMo 1981, amended 1995, 1997.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, P.O. Box 630, 1616 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*