



## The Application Process

### 1. Fill out the written application

Completed applications and a recent photo should be emailed to [margo@havaveadam.org](mailto:margo@havaveadam.org). Only applicants who have submitted **complete** applications will be eligible for admission!

### 2. Apply for the MASA Grant

Go to <http://www.masaisrael.org> to apply for the MASA Grant on their website

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once you have been approved for the MASA grant, you must scan & email or mail us your signed signature page so that we can process your paperwork (it is the page that has a space for your "Program Organizer" to sign as well). IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR SIGNED SIGNATURE PAGE, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE MASA GRANT!

### 3. Participate in a phone interview with an Eco Israel representative

After we have received and reviewed your written application, we will contact you to schedule a time when we can call you to conduct a phone interview. Phone interviews can be expected to last about 30 minutes.

During the interview, we will try to get a more personal impression of who you are, why you are interested in the program and how you would fit in to the program's goals. It is a chance for us to get to know the person behind the application, as well as to gauge your level of dedication, maturity, and how well you will be able to work in a group.

### 4. Stay in touch with us!

Following your interview, we will be in touch with you to let you know of our timetable for reaching a decision. In the meantime, we are happy to answer any of your questions or address any concerns. As the start of the program approaches, we will send you information on preparing to come join us in Israel.

## Rolling Admissions

The Eco Israel admissions process operates on a "rolling admissions" basis, meaning we accept qualified applicants as they complete their individual application processes. Space is limited, so those who apply earlier have a better chance of being admitted! We will place people on a waiting list if we fill up all available spaces. Please pay careful attention to our deadlines regarding the friend registration discount and program withdrawal!



### General Information

**Full name:**

**Male/Female:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Address, City, State, Zip:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

Briefly describe your educational background. List any schooling (formal or informal) that relates directly to Judaism or to environmental studies.

Have you ever previously visited Israel? If yes, for how long? Were you studying or traveling for any particular purpose? How are your Hebrew language skills?

Please describe any experience or training you've had involving organic agriculture or mud building. No prior experience is necessary to be accepted, we just want a feel from where you may be coming from.

How did you hear about Eco-Israel? What are some blogs/websites/newspapers/magazines that you read regularly?

### Self-Reference

1. Describe an experience you have had of intentional group living (outside your family).

*A) What was difficult about it? B) What did you enjoy? C) What insights about yourself did you gain? D) What is, in detail, your vision for communal living?*

2. Eco Israel welcomes participants from across the spectrum of belief and spiritual observance, yet at the same time it is an explicitly Jewish program. Would you feel comfortable participating in communal observances Shabbat and Jewish holidays? Do you have any particular spiritual practice? Would you feel comfortable sharing this with other apprentices?

3. If you have previous experience working on organic farms, what were your highlights and low points? For applicants with less experience, what interests you in agricultural work?

4. What are you most excited about learning while working on a farm? What sort of end-goals do you have in participating in such a program?

5. What makes you want to work on a farm in Israel? Tell us what your personal connection to Israel has been or what you hope it might be.

6. Eco-Israel requires many hours of intense physical activity. When your back is sore and your hands have blisters on them, how will you persist? List some ways that you take care of yourself to prevent burn-out or stress. Are you currently (or in the past year) under the care of a doctor or mental health professional? If so, please elaborate.

7. List any talents, hobbies, skills or special interests you would like us to know about or that you would like to teach others.

8. Please list the email/phone number of two people you have worked/studied who can serve as references.