New SDBII Application Portal Quick-Start Guide

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Application Portal

Register for an SDBII applicant profile and apply HERE

https://sdbii.Tennessee.edu

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Logon

Email Address*

Password*

Log On   Create New Account

Forgot your Password?

Welcome to the University of Tennessee: Center for Dairy Advancement and Sustainability's Online Portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.
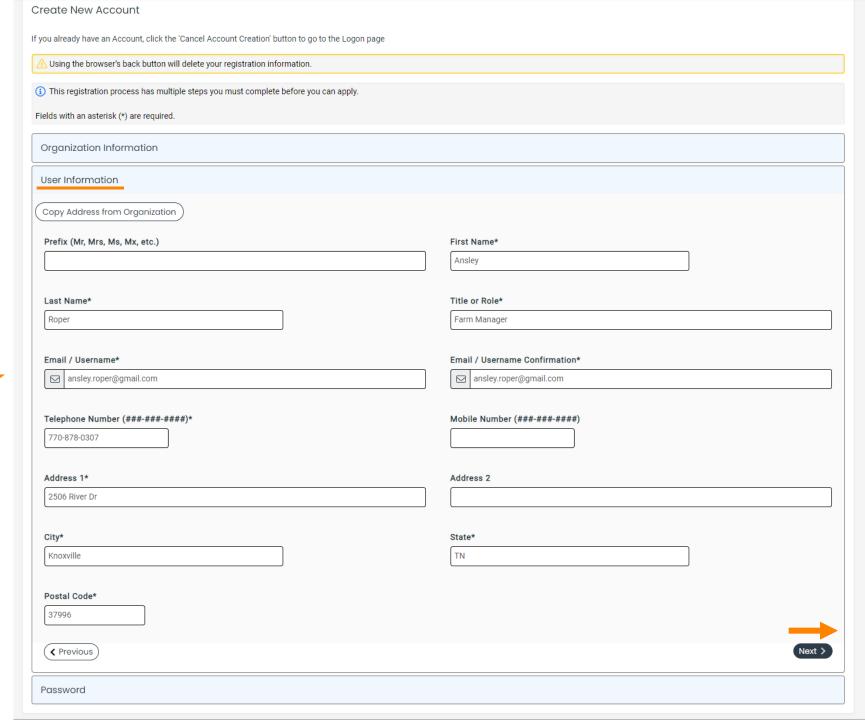
Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.
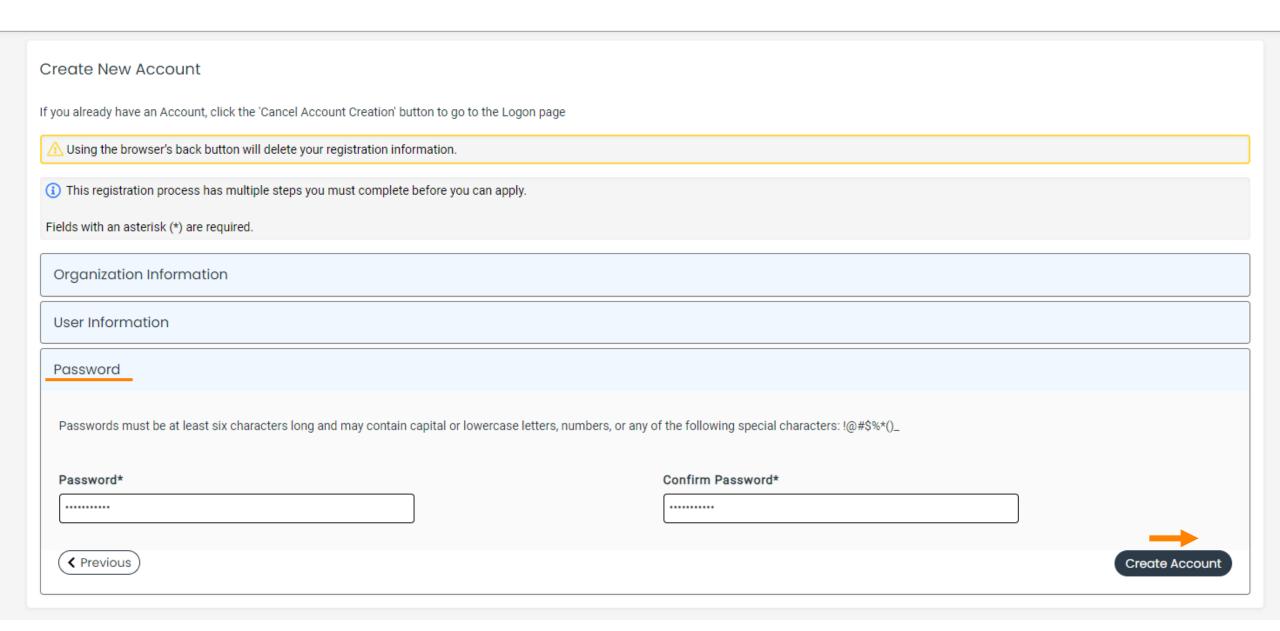
Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Grant Administrator to receive your username.

Create New Account

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

ⓘ This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Organization Information (Legal business name)

Organization Name*

Roper Farms

Unique Entity ID (UEI)

https://sam.gov/content/home

Formerly DUNS Number

A UEI is not required to apply but **will be** required if awarded funding. We recommend filing for it as early as possible! Please visit the website listed to do this.

Website

Telephone Number (###-###-####)*

123-456-7890

Organization Email

Address 1*

123 Roper Rd

Address 2

City*

Knoxville

State*

TN

Postal Code*

37920

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User Information

Password

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Organization Information

User Information

[Copy Address from Organization]

Prefix (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mx, etc.)

First Name*

Ansley

Last Name*

Roper

Title or Role*

Farm Manager

Email / Username*

✉ ansley.roper@gmail.com

Email / Username Confirmation*

✉ ansley.roper@gmail.com

Telephone Number (###-###-####)*

770-878-0307

Mobile Number (###-###-####)

Address 1*

2506 River Dr

Address 2

City*

Knoxville

State*

TN

Postal Code*

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Your username **will be** the email address of the user completing the application!

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Organization Information

User Information

Password

Passwords must be at least six characters long and may contain capital or lowercase letters, numbers, or any of the following special characters: !@#$%*()_

Password*

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Confirm Password*

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Create Account

You will get a confirmation email that your account was created to the account entered for **USER**
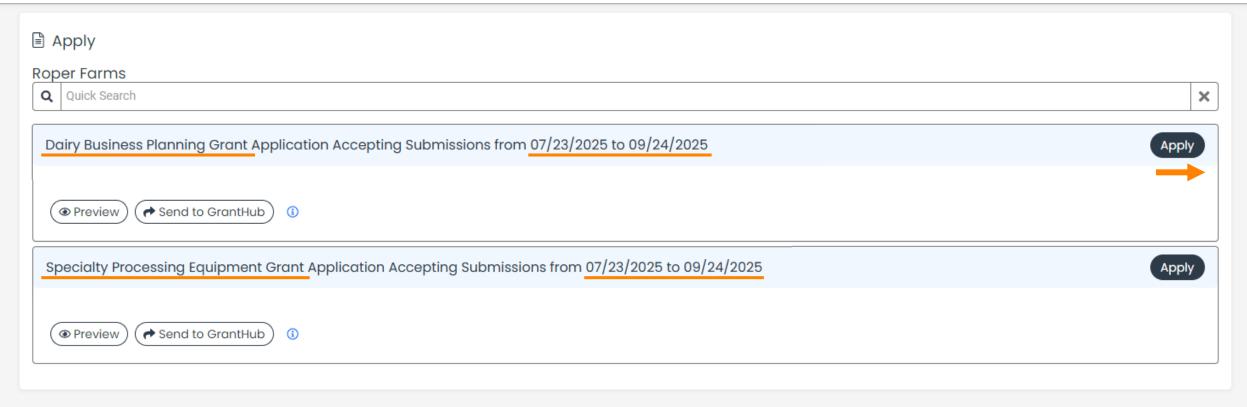
This is called your **dashboard** and is what you will see every time you log into Foundant. This page can be accessed at any time by clicking the 🏠 icon. If you have not yet started an application, click "Apply" in the menu bar.

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🏠 📄 APPLY

Applicant Dashboard

University of Tennessee: Center for Dairy Advancement and Sustainability

Active Requests 0	Historical Requests 0

ⓘ You do not have any Active Requests. Click Apply to begin the application process.

📄 Apply

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🔍 Quick Search   ✕

Dairy Business Planning Grant Application Accepting Submissions from 07/23/2025 to 09/24/2025   Apply

👁 Preview   ➤ Send to GrantHub   ⓘ

Specialty Processing Equipment Grant Application Accepting Submissions from 07/23/2025 to 09/24/2025   Apply

👁 Preview   ➤ Send to GrantHub   ⓘ

Application

Check to make sure you are starting the correct application.
NOTE: This round includes the DBPG and SPEG

C. ⭐ Public Profile   📋 Copy Previous Answers

Process: Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant Application

| Contact Info | Request | Documents 0 |

Applicant: ✏️   **Organization:**
Ansley Roper   Roper Farms
ansley.roper@gmail.com
770-878-0307   123-456-7890
2506 River Dr   123 Roper Rd
Knoxville, TN 37996   Contact Email History   Knoxville, TN 37920

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

📄 Application   📄 Question List   ⋮

ℹ️ Due by 03/05/2025 05:00 PM EST.

ℹ️ Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

∨ Section 1: GOAL ALIGNMENT & ELIGIBILITY

Goal Areas*
Please identify which of the following grant program goals (see RFP) your application supports. Check all that apply:
☐ Improvements to existing facilities to reduce the impact of heat stress
☐ Investments in raw milk storage, cooling capacity, and/or transportation efficiency
☐ Modernization and improvements to milk harvest
☐ Improvements to feed and forage management and storage opportunities
☐ Improvements to animal housing and environments
☐ Water, waste, and manure management improvements
☐ Investments to improve farm business structure

Project Abstract*
Please provide a one paragraph overview (3 to 5 sentences) of what your project will accomplish (including what equipment will be added and why). This will be shared directly with USDA AMS and on the SDBII website if awarded funding.

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Application

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> Section 3: WORK PLAN AND DELIVERABLES

> Section 4: BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS

> Section 5: BUDGET FORM

> Section 6: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

> Section 7: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ℹ️ Due by 03/05/2025 05:00 PM EST.

Abandon Request

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Save Application   Submit Application

Each section has a drop down, can open and close them as you need for visibility

Can skip sections and come back to as needed!

Auto-saves, but PLEASE double-check and save your work when you step away from your application!

Please wait while your form is saved...

Confirmation

✓ Your Application has been saved.

ⓘ The following required questions have not been answered:

- Project Name
- Main Contact
- Email of Main Contact
- Verify Email
- Project Impact
- Dairy Species
- Product Types
- Primary Contact Phone Number
- Grant Preparation
- Professional Assistance
- U.S. Business Eligibility
- Official Business Name
- SDBII Assistance/Participation
- Project Summary
- Requested Funds
- Milking Herd Size
- Planning for Challenges
- Business Fundamentals
- Budget Workbook Upload
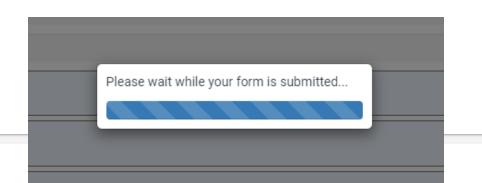- Quote Upload
- Letters of Support
- Additional Information
- Additional Document Upload

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APPLY

Applicant Dashboard

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Active Requests ❶   Historical Requests ⓪

Process: Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant Application

| Application | Draft | 01/07/2025 | Due by 03/05/2025 05:00 PM EST | Edit Application |
| Decision | Undecided | | | |

Hard deadline set by the software – the portal will not take applications after 5:00 PM EST on 9/24/25!

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Abandon Request   Save Application   Submit Application

Please wait while your form is submitted...

Confirmation

✓ Your Application has been submitted.

Continue

Applicant Dashboard

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Active Requests 1	Historical Requests 0

⌄ Heat Abatement

Process: Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant Application

Application   Submitted   01/07/2025   View Application
Decision   Undecided

Application - Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant Received - University of Tennessee: Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative (SDBII) 📩 Inbox ×

University of Tennessee: Center for Dairy Advancement and Sustainability <administrator@grantinterface.com>

to me ▾

9:42 AM (1 minute ago) ☆ ☺ ↩ ⋮

Dear Ansley,

Thank you for submitting your Application - Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant. It was successfully received. You should hear from us in approximately 6 weeks after the due date, 03/05/2025 05:00 PM EST.

You will be contacted if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,
University of Tennessee: Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative (SDBII)

Things to Remember

- Your organization name should be your legal business name*

- UEI **is not required to apply** but **is required once awarded**, please begin the process to acquire this as soon as possible – KCARD can help with this if needed, email Cara at cstewart@kcard.info

- Selecting "Save Application" often will ensure your responses remain saved

- The portal will allow you to come work on your application and come back to it as often as you need to – just remember your username and password!

- Applications will not be accepted after the deadline of 9/24/2025 at 5:00 PM EST

Questions?

- For general grant-related questions, please contact your state contact
  - TN, AL, LA, FL, PR
    - sdbiigrants@utk.edu

  - KY, AR, VA, WV
    - tembry@kydairy.org

  - NC, SC, GA, MS
    - ncdairyextension@ncsu.edu

- For questions on the portal, please contact Shep (sstearns1@utk.edu) and Ansley (aroper2@utk.edu)