

# 2010 Wetland Training Scholarships

The Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) is offering some limited wetland training scholarships (up to 5 in 2010) for local government unit (LGU) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff involved in the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). The WCA requires that LGUs and SWCDs provide knowledgeable and trained staff to administer the program. These scholarships are intended to provide financial support for LGUs and SWCDs that have limited resources for technical wetland delineation training.

Scholarships must be used for attending the 5-day basic wetland delineation training classes offered by the Wetland Delineators Certification Program (WDCP).

**Scholarship Amount per person:** \$450 credit applied toward the course fee (\$900) of the basic wetland delineation training course offered by the WDCP.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be a full-time staff member of an LGU that has accepted WCA administration responsibilities or a full-time SWCD staff member with WCA responsibilities (restoration orders, technical evaluation panel member, and/or administration of WCA). Cannot be a consultant working for an LGU or SWCD.
- Applicants that have previously completed this same course and those who are already certified as a wetland delineator by the WDCP program are not eligible.
- Applicants must have WCA responsibilities in their job descriptions.
- Applicants must be able to attend one of the two basic wetland delineation training classes offered by the WDCP in 2010.

## BWSR will consider the following in determining scholarship recipients:

- Preference given for applicants that are directly involved in the technical review of wetland delineations.
- Preference given for applicants that have a basic biological/natural resource background (4-year degree or equivalent training/experience) but lack specific training in wetland delineation.
- BWSR will try to evenly distribute scholarship recipients from different geographic regions throughout the State to the extent possible.
- BWSR will take into consideration the amount of State Funding for WCA (Natural Resource Block Grant, Metro WCA Enforcement Grant) that the applicant's employer receives as it relates to WCA workload.

The Wetland Leadership team at BWSR will select scholarship recipients based on the above considerations. Scholarship recipients will be notified via e-mail by April 9, 2010. The e-mail notification will be followed-up with a letter via mail.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** e-mailed or postmarked by March 26, 2010

## Wetland Training Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or have you ever been a certified wetland delineator by the WDCP?

Yes                       No                      If yes, then you are not eligible for the scholarship

Are you able to attend one of the two basic wetland delineation training courses (5-day courses) offered by the WDCP in 2010 (June 14-18 St. Paul, July 12-16 Little Falls) and pay the remaining course fee after the \$450 scholarship credit is applied?

Yes                       No                      If no, then you are not eligible for the scholarship

Describe your educational background and training in natural resources/biology as it relates to wetland science, soils, hydrology, and/or vegetation (college degrees held, previous applicable training courses, etc.)

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Describe the WCA responsibilities associated with your position

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Applications must be e-mailed or mailed to:

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MN Board of Water & Soil Resources  
1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
[donna.caughey@state.mn.us](mailto:donna.caughey@state.mn.us)

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