



Urban Forest Council Scholarship Application



Purpose:

The New Mexico Urban Forest Council recognizes the need for skilled workers and continuing professional development in maintaining a sustainable healthy urban and community forestry. For this reason, we are offering scholarships to provide opportunities to participate in workforce development activities that will ultimately build local capacity to care for community and urban forests.

Eligibility:

Scholarships are open to all and will be awarded based on a competitive application process. Applications will be accepted year-round and will be reviewed periodically. Awards will be based on the availability of funds and a scoring evaluation performed by a panel of urban forestry professionals. Prioritization will be given to applicants who live or work within communities identified as disadvantaged using online vulnerability and environmental justice equity data tools (White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice and Screening Mapping Tool (EJScreen), or the EPA EnviroAtlas Interactive Map).

This scholarship will cover conference registration fees, training fees, educational materials such as study guides or supplies, and examination fees. Travel costs will be covered for events in state, recipients will be responsible for out of state travel expenses.

The Urban Forest Council reserves the right to partially fund scholarships and applicants will be notified before any partial funding is approved.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a final report to the Urban Forest Council detailing activities undertaken and how these activities will contribute to the urban forest.

To Apply:

Name: Click here to enter text.	
Title: Click here to enter text.	
City/Organization: Click here to enter text.	
Address: Click here to enter text.	City/State/Zip: Click here to enter text.
Do you live or work in an area identified as disadvantaged? (attach map):	
E-mail: Click here to enter text.	Phone: Click here to enter text.
Date of training, conference, exam:	
Itemized costs requesting funding for: (list items and cost)	
Please check all that apply:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am on staff with a county/city/town/village/Pueblo/other government entity	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a volunteer tree steward/tree board member	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a student in natural resources/forestry/landscape architecture/other related field	

- I work for a non-profit organization with an interest/involvement in urban forestry issues
- I am a Certified Arborist

Have you received assistance from the Urban Forest Council previously? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please describe your current position, job, field of study, and/or volunteer involvement, and how/why you are involved with community tree care and urban forestry issues. List any tree boards, community organizations, or national organizations you are involved with related to urban forestry.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Provide a brief statement of what you are requesting funding for, how it aligns with your career/community service goals, and how it aligns with the urban forestry field.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

The New Mexico Urban Forest Council’s mission is to empower communities to develop and sustain healthy community forests for the benefit of all citizens and the environment. How will this training align with this mission?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based upon criteria listed below:

Proposals will be scored based upon:	Highest Possible	Actual Score
Within a disadvantaged area?	15	
Never received assistance before	5	
Active involvement with community tree care?	10	
Funding request alignment with urban forestry field?	10	
Will training contribute to sustainable and community forestry?	10	
Total:	50	

Contact:

E-mail applications to:

Alyssa O’Brien, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager

Alyssa.obrien@emnrd.nm.gov

Scholarship Match Documentation Form

Match documentation is important to help document and justify funding for urban and community forestry education programs. If you are able to provide any match please complete the Match Documentation Form and submit along with copies of any receipts and time sheets

Examples of Qualifying Match Expenses:

- Gas for travel to/from training
- Mileage for travel to/from training
 - .65/mile
- Food and lodging expenses during training (alcoholic beverages excluded)
- Salary/Wages time spent at training
 - Include copy of time sheet with pay rate given
- Volunteer time spent getting to/from and during conference
 - Current volunteer in-kind rate is \$31.80/hour

Email completed documentation to:

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	MATCH AMOUNT