

2020 Beginning Farmer Travel Scholarships Application

Tennessee Beginning Farmer Outreach Program

Travel stipends to reimburse actual expenses of up to \$500 are available for a limited number of beginning farmers who are currently participating, have recently graduated from, or who are good candidates for participating in the UT-TSU Extension new and beginning farmers training programs. Funds are made possible by a grant from USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and reimbursement of Guest Travelers by University of Tennessee Extension will comply with University of Tennessee Fiscal Policy. **APPLICATIONS DUE by noon December 2nd, 2019**

Please complete this application in full.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ TN Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Military Status:

Veteran Disabled Veteran Active Duty Not Applicable

Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act? Yes No

Select the conference that you plan to attend:

- Pick Tennessee Conference, 2020 Feb 20-22, Franklin, TN
- Southern SAWG Conference, 2020 Jan 22-25, Little Rock, AR

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Other conference: _____

Please submit the application at least 10 business days before the early registration date

Have you attended the selected conference before? Yes No

Briefly describe how participating in this particular conference will benefit your farming operation:

How many UT/TSU Extension programs have you participated in:

- None 1-3 More than 3

List all the Extension Beginning Farmers programs you are or have participated in:

Briefly describe how you will share knowledge gained at the conference with other farmers in your community:

Complete the budget form. Estimate all the expenditures that will occur during the travel, such as registration, lodging and meals. (Refer to 'Conference information and cost estimate' on Page 1 of the Beginning Farmer Travel Scholarship Policy)

Budget Item	Description	Amount
Total Estimate		

How much are you requesting in 2020 Beginning Farmer Travel Scholarships money?

\$ _____ (Up to \$500 Reimbursement)

Farm Business Plan

(Complete this page in full or attach your current business plan along with this application)

Mission Statement: Describe, in two sentences or less, the overarching vision and mission of your farm. What drives you?

Products: What products or services does (or will) your farm business offer?

Implementation Timeline: Briefly outline how and when you will produce these products.

If veggies or fruits, when will you plant, how will you cultivate or irrigate, and when/how will you harvest, store, and transport the crops? If livestock, when will you breed and birth animals, and when will they be ready for market?

Marketing Plan: Where and how will you sell your products, and who will buy them?

Revenue Projection: How much of each crop or product will you sell and how much revenue will it generate? What are your fixed and variable expenses?

By submitting this application:

- I understand that I will be reimbursed for actual expenses, up to a maximum of \$500, following participation in the conference of choice.
- I understand that I will be responsible for all arrangements and payment of registration, travel, lodging, meals and any other expenses associated with participation in the conference.
- I understand that I will be required to participate in the conference, and expected to participate in sessions/activities sponsored by the Tennessee Beginning Farmers Outreach Program as a condition of reimbursement for expenses.
- I understand that I will be expected to participate in Beginning Farmers education programs in my area sponsored by UT-TSU Extension as an advocate for Tennessee agriculture and a mentor to other beginning farmers in my area.
- I understand that I may be asked to represent the Tennessee Beginning Farmer Outreach Program in interviews or other opportunities to share information gained by attending the conference.

Signature

Date

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