



## Scholarships available for ELA's 2009 Conference & Eco-Marketplace

**February 27-28, 2009  
MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA**

Landscape professionals or students involved in the Green Industry, or related field, may qualify for a limited number of \$50 Conference Scholarships designed to provide access to professional development opportunities at ELA's 2009 Conference & Eco-Marketplace.

The award may be applied to conference session registration fees only.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

\*Actively working, studying, or involved in ecological, sustainable, and organic landscaping, or a related field.

\*Applicants may not be members of the ELA Board of Directors.

### **Selection Criteria:**

\*Financial need

\*Demonstrated interest and involvement in ecological, sustainable, and organic landscaping, or a related field.

### **Application Process**

1. Complete Scholarship Application and Conference Registration forms. Make and keep a copy of both forms to bring with you to the conference.
2. Mail both forms to: ELA Scholarship, P.O. Box 483, Sandown, NH, 03873. Forms must be received by February 10, 2009.
3. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of ELA members, and applicants will be notified, by phone, e-mail, or fax no later than February 16, 2009 of acceptance or denial.
4. Successful applicants will be provided with a Scholarship Code which they should record on their copies of their paperwork and submit at the door along with payment for the balance of the registration fee.

## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Include this application *with* your registration. Please print or type *all* information. Make and keep a copy of both forms to bring with you to the conference. Application and registration must be received by February 10, 2009.** Applications will be reviewed by a committee of ELA members, and applicants will be notified, by phone, e-mail, or fax no later than Feb. 16, 2009 of acceptance or denial.

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

Company/Institution/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contact Information for Notification:**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: day \_\_\_\_\_ evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization membership (circle all that apply, membership *not* required for scholarship eligibility)  
ELA, NEWFS, Master Gardeners, Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the questions below, each in 200 words or less, on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application:**

1. How are you involved in ecological landscaping or an associated field?
2. What specific information, skills or contacts are you seeking at the ELA conference?
3. What financial circumstances (***do not list income specifics***) require you to seek a scholarship in order to attend the ELA conference?
4. Are there any non-financial circumstances you would like the committee to consider in making its decision?
5. List day(s) and sessions you wish to attend.

**Please read the Application Terms below and sign this form:**

By applying for this scholarship, I understand that:

1. I will take maximum advantage of conference sessions and the Eco-Marketplace;
2. I may be interviewed for articles to be included in the ELA newsletter;
3. I may be acknowledged as a scholarship recipient at the conference, in the conference program, or in the ELA newsletter;
4. The award may be applied to conference session registration fees only.
5. I will pay the registration fee due, less the \$50.00 scholarship credit, when I arrive at the Registration Desk to attend the conference. Failure to do so invalidates the scholarship credit;
6. If I am unable to attend the Conference the scholarship is forfeited and may not be applied to future conferences or other events;
7. I will complete a conference evaluation.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_