

ELA Conference & Eco-Marketplace Scholarship Program

Again this year, ELA is offering a limited number of Conference Scholarships. Based on the financial need and professional status of applicants, ELA will award scholarships in the amount of \$50 to be applied only toward Conference registration **or** the Keynote Dinner. These scholarships are designed to help provide landscape professionals working in the Green Industry and related fields with access to the professional development opportunities provided by ELA's Conference & Eco-Marketplace. The award must be applied to Conference registration or Keynote Dinner fees only and may not be used for lodging, outside meals, or entertainment.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, you must either:

- Be actively working or volunteering in the landscaping, conservation, or environmental fields
- Or
- Be a registered student at an academic facility or institute of higher learning pursuing a degree in a landscaping or environmental field.

Before leaving the Conference, the applicant also agrees to complete the appropriate Conference evaluation form(s) for sessions attended, be interviewed for an article about the Conference in the ELA newsletter, and/or to be acknowledged as a scholarship recipient at the Conference, in the Conference program, or in the ELA newsletter.

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

Application Process

1. Submit a completed scholarship application form with your completed registration form to:

ELA Scholarship
PO Box 3
Sandown, NH 03873

Be sure to keep a copy of your paperwork.

2. Application and registration must be received by February 10th.
3. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of ELA members upon receipt. Applicants will be notified, by phone, e-mail, or fax no later than February 15th of acceptance or denial.
4. Successful applicants will be provided with a Scholarship Code which they should record on their copy of their paperwork and submit along with payment for the balance due of their registration selection(s) at the door.

Selection Criteria

- Financial need.
- Demonstrated interest and involvement in the fields of ecological landscaping, conservation, or clean water coalitions.
- Member of a community based green organization and/or other related non-profit or tribal organization.

ELA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Include this application along with your Conference registration. Please print or type **all** information.

Name: _____
Company/Institution/Affiliation: _____
Occupation: _____
Home address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

MUST PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NOTIFICATION:

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail address: _____

Organization membership (circle all that apply, membership not required for scholarship eligibility)
ELA, NOFA, NEWFS, Master Gardeners, Other _____

By applying for this scholarship, I understand that:

- I must not be a member of the ELA Board of Directors at the time of application in order to be eligible;
- I am expected to take maximum advantage of Conference sessions and the Eco-Marketplace;
- I may be interviewed for articles to be included in the ELA newsletter;
- I may be acknowledged as a scholarship recipient at the Conference, in the Conference program, or in the ELA newsletter;
- Upon receipt of the \$50 scholarship, I understand that I am expected to pay the balance of my registration fee when I present myself at the Conference and that non-payment will invalidate the scholarship.
- If I decline to attend the registered selection, the scholarship is forfeited and may not be applied to future Conferences or other events.
- I am expected to complete all appropriate Conference evaluation form(s) before leaving the conference.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Please respond briefly (**200 words or less**) to the following questions. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Your response must be typed or legibly printed.

1. How are you involved in ecological landscaping or an associated field? Please include information about the extent of your involvement: number of hours committed, positions held, and so on.
2. What specific information, skills or contacts are you seeking at the ELA Conference?
3. What financial circumstances require you to seek a scholarship to attend the ELA Conference?
Do not list income
4. Are there any non-financial circumstances you would like the committee to consider in making its decision?