



AgrAbility National Training Workshop Farmer/Rancher Scholarship Application

The National AgrAbility Project is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships to farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities,¹ and their spouses/caregivers (when applicable) to attend the 2009 National Training Workshop (NTW), scheduled for **October 5-8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan**. Scholarship applications are **due by September 30, 2009**.

All scholarship funds must be used exclusively for costs of attending the NTW, including:

- Cost of NTW registration for AgrAbility customers
- NTW sponsored hotel accommodations up to 4 nights— October 5, 6, 7, & 8 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids (\$145.92/night, including taxes & fees)
- Approved travel (airfare and transportation to/from airports, OR if driving, mileage reimbursement at the rate of \$0.55 per mile roundtrip to and from the NTW, based on MapQuest mileage.)
- Approved meals not covered by the registration cost (U.S. General Service Administration guidelines for Grand Rapids will be followed: \$9.75 for breakfast, \$9.75 for lunch, and \$19.50 for dinner – applied only for those meals NOT provided during the NTW conference. Meals not included in registration are lunch and dinner on October 5, dinner on October 7 & 8, and breakfast and lunch on October 9 if staying overnight on the 8th. All meal reimbursements are dependent upon arrival/departure times.)

Registration will be paid in advance by the National AgrAbility Project. Hotel accommodations, airfare (if required), approved meals, and mileage *will be reimbursed to scholarship recipients AFTER the NTW*. Original receipts MUST be presented for reimbursement of each expense claimed. (The only exception to this is meals, as a per diem rate will be used instead.)

Actual scholarship amounts will be determined by the number of applications received and the amount of sponsorship funds that the National AgrAbility Project receives from sponsoring organizations. Full or partial scholarships may be awarded. For consideration, applicants should be seeking a participatory role in either the NTW or state/regional activities. Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

¹ Both AgrAbility customers and farmers/ranchers from states not currently served by AgrAbility projects are invited to apply for scholarship funds.

To apply for a 2009 NTW Farmer/Rancher Scholarship, please complete all information on the application form that is enclosed. It is important that you print your information so that it is legible. Applications must be received **no later than September 30, 2009**. Mail to:

Paul Jones

National AgrAbility Project
Breaking New Ground Resource Center
ABE Bldg., 225 South University St.
West Lafayette IN 47907-2093

Applications can also be faxed to 765-496-1356

If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Paul Jones toll free at 800-825-4264 or by email jonesp@purdue.edu.

Applicant Information

<i>Last Name, First Name:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Street Address:</i>	<i>Home Phone Number:</i>
<i>City:</i> <i>State/ Zip Code:</i>	<i>Work or Cellular Phone Number:</i>
<i>Do you need accessible transportation to/from airport?</i> _____ Yes _____ No <i>Do you need accessible transportation for Thurs. tours?</i> _____ Yes _____ No	<i>Do you need an accessible hotel room?</i> _____ Yes _____ No <i>Do you need a roll-in shower?</i> _____ Yes _____ No
<i>What other special accommodations, if any, do you require? (Special diet, large print, ASL interpreter, etc.)</i>	<i>Best Method and Time to be Reached:</i>

Spouse/Caregiver Information *(If applying for scholarship)*

<i>Last Name, First Name:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Street Address:</i>	<i>Home Phone Number:</i>
<i>City:</i> <i>State/ Zip Code:</i>	<i>Work or Cellular Phone Number:</i>
<i>Do you need accessible transportation to/from airport?</i> _____ Yes _____ No <i>Do you need accessible transportation for Thurs. tours?</i> _____ Yes _____ No	<i>Do you need an accessible hotel room?</i> _____ Yes _____ No <i>Do you need a roll-in shower?</i> _____ Yes _____ No
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Budgeted Expenses

Please estimate the following cost for attendance, including spouse/caregiver if required. Note: The awarded scholarship may, or may not, cover entire budgeted amounts.

Item	Maximum Allowance	Projected Costs
Registration	To be determined	\$ TBD
Hotel	\$145.92 allowance per room per night, based on double occupancy. 4 nights maximum (October 5, 6, 7, 8)	\$ _____
Transportation: Driving	\$0.55 per mile roundtrip (may include mileage to/from local airport) Roundtrip miles _____ x \$0.55	\$ _____
Transportation: Airfare	Roundtrip coach	\$ _____ Farmer/rancher \$ _____ Spouse/caregiver
Taxi/Shuttle	To/from airport(s)	\$ _____
Airline baggage fees	\$60 per person maximum	\$ _____ Farmer/rancher \$ _____ Spouse/caregiver
Meals: <i>those not included in the conference</i>	10/5—Lunch \$9.75 10/5—Dinner \$19.50 10/7—Dinner \$19.50 10/8—Dinner \$19.50 10/9—Breakfast \$9.75 (if required) 10/9—Lunch \$9.75 (if required) 10/5—Lunch \$9.75 10/5—Dinner \$19.50 10/7—Dinner \$19.50 10/8—Dinner \$19.50 10/9—Breakfast \$9.75 (if required) 10/9—Lunch \$9.75 (if required)	Farmer/rancher \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ Spouse/caregiver \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$ _____

1. Why do you want to attend the National AgrAbility Training Workshop?

2. Have you attended the National AgrAbility Training Workshop before? If so, when and did you participate in any of the sessions as a speaker or part of a farmer's panel?

3. How do you plan to use/share the knowledge gained by attending the National AgrAbility Training Workshop?

4. Are you currently involved in a state/regional AgrAbility project? How do you serve your state/regional AgrAbility project?

5. Additional comments you would like the scholarship committee to consider:

Scholarship awards will be announced no later than October 1.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

State/Regional AgrAbility Project Information (for applicants living in states with AgrAbility Projects)

<i>State/Regional AgrAbility Project:</i>	<i>Sponsoring AgrAbility Staff Member:</i>
<i>Primary or alternate/secondary applicant?</i>	<i>Sponsoring AgrAbility Staff Email:</i>