
WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The **University of Minnesota's Regional Sustainable Development Partnership** is a legislatively funded initiative led by citizen leaders in five regions across the state. The Partnership is committed to leveraging University resources to sustain Minnesota's natural resource base economy and empower citizen participation and leadership.

The **West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (WCRSDP)**, one of the five Regional Partnerships, serves 12 counties of the upper Minnesota River basin including: Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine. In an effort to encourage as many citizens as possible from the west central Minnesota region to participate in statewide conferences, a scholarship fund has been set up for citizens that ARE NOT part of an organization that covers such educational opportunities.

Please fill out the attached form to apply for a scholarship and e-mail to Dorothy Rosemeier at rosemeie@umn.edu or mail to: West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, 680 80th Ave. SE, De Graff, MN 56271 prior to the due date of each conference deadline (check out web sites).

Scholarship Guidelines:

1. The applicant must live in one of the 12 counties and will be required to share the conference information through ONE of the following options:
 - a. Write a "letter to the editor" or news article and submit to a local newspaper and West Central Tribune where the applicant highlights learning and recognizes the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership for the scholarship. *Applicant provides copy to Executive Director.*
 - b. Work with others (including other applicants) in the region to develop and present a project idea to the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership board. *Applicant/s work with Executive Director on process and scheduling time with the board.*
 - c. Presents information/learnings to at least one group or organization in the region and recognizes the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership for the scholarship. *Applicant provides some kind of documentation to Executive Director that this occurred.*
2. Scholarships will be awarded "after" the conference, reimbursing the applicant using a provided expense form.
3. Scholarships will be awarded based on 1) need, and 2) first come, first serve bases.

2007 Eligible Conferences/Workshops:

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- April 2, 2007 - The Homegrown Economy: Foods from Local Farms as an Economic Development Tool conference, UMM, Morris, MN
FIVE scholarships at \$35 (www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu)
- April 19, 2007 – What's for Dinner? The Ethics and Aesthetics of Eating, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
FIVE scholarships at \$50 (www.arboretum.umn.edu/education/adult/publicpolicy.htm)
- April 25 & 26, 2007 - 2nd Minnesota Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
FIVE scholarships at \$50 (www.tourism.umn.edu)
- May 10-11, 2007 - Minnesota Rural Summit, Craguns Resort & Hotel, Brainerd, MN
FIVE scholarships at \$50 (www.minnesotaruralpartners.org)
- June 5 & 6, 2007 – Small Town Symposium, UMM, Morris, MN
FIVE scholarships at \$65 (www.centerforsmalltowns.org)

Name: _____

Work or Home Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Scholarship needed for the following conference (Check up to TWO, the second conference choice will only be awarded if scholarships are still available):

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_____ April 19, 2007 – What’s for Dinner? The Ethics and Aesthetics of Eating

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Why I need a scholarship:

How I plan to share what I have learned from the conference: (check all that apply)

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_____ Other, please describe: