

SOUL Tree Stewards



Vermont SOUL Tree Steward Training Scholarship Guidelines

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program has limited funds available to provide financial assistance to participants. Before you apply for a scholarship, we ask that you explore the following potential sources of financial assistance.

- *Some individuals may be eligible for financial aid through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) Vermont Non-Degree Grant?*

To learn more, please visit the VSAC website at:

<http://services.vtac.org/wps/wcm/connect/VSAC/vtac/pay+for+college/funding+sources/grants/vtac+-+pay+-+funding+sources+-+grants>

- *Local sponsorship: We encourage you to approach your select board, conservation commission, planning commission or other municipal boards to solicit a sponsorship. In addition, local banks, real estate agents, or other businesses may also be interested in sponsoring you for this training. To facilitate this, upon request we can provide a letter, which you can adapt, to potential sponsors.*

Eligibility: Individuals who are enrolled in the 2012 SOUL Tree Steward course, or plan to enroll are eligible. These scholarships are an investment in individuals interested in furthering the goals of the course. Priority will be given to participants who are:

- Actively engaged in volunteer boards, commissions, or non-profit organizations in their community, or are interested in becoming engaged in their community.
- Interested in using the skills, information and knowledge gained from the SOUL Tree Steward course to further urban and community forestry efforts in their community.

Scholarship Amount: Participants may apply for a full or partial scholarship.

NOTE: If recipient has already fully paid for this course, he or she will receive reimbursement for the scholarship amount. Recipient of partial scholarships must pay the balance by January 23, 2012 in order to secure a seat.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by e-mail to soul.treesteward@uvm.edu or mailed to Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, University of Vermont Extension, 397 Railroad Street, Suite 3, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819-1740. Late applications will not be considered.

Award Announced: You will be notified on January 4th about the status of your application.

Application Form

Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am applying for

- Full scholarship (\$80)
- Partial scholarship (\$40)

Did you apply for a VSAC grant?

- Yes
- No

Did you solicit a local sponsorship?

- Yes. If yes, please describe your efforts.

- No. If no, why not?

Tell Us About Yourself

In what ways are you already engaged in your community? Or how do you plan to become engaged in the community?

What do you hope to learn from this program and how do you plan to use the information you gain through the SOUL program?

Is there additional information you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?