



## West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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# Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Education & Training Scholarship Application

The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program is proud to offer education and training scholarship opportunities in support of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency services personnel and first responders entering or currently working in agriculture. In-person or online training, educational events, and conferences with an agriculture focus are eligible.

### SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name (as shown on your income tax return): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code):

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle One) Home or Cell

### SECTION II: ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Name of training, educational event, or conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution holding the training, education event, or conference:

\_\_\_\_\_

Training, education event, or conference website: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the training, education event, or conference in-person? (City, State): \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION III: QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) are paid as a reimbursement to the individual. Therefore, the applicant must:

1. Be a current member of the Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program.
2. Be a current resident of West Virginia.
3. May NOT be a West Virginia Department of Agriculture employee.
4. Complete this Application. Training, education events, and conferences that support the development of the agricultural economy will be eligible for reimbursement. Participants are eligible to receive reimbursement for up to \$600.00 each fiscal year, ending June 30 based on funding availability.
5. Receive WVDA approval of this Application.
6. Register for the course individually and pay all applicable tuition and fees. Please note that only registration costs will be reimbursed.
7. Complete and return an IRS Form W-9, to be provided to the participant once their Application is approved.
8. **Within two weeks of completion** of the approved course or event, provide registration receipt, certificate of completion (or proof of participation), and invoice to the WVDA.

- I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete.
- I understand that any incomplete, inaccurate or misleading information given in this application may result in denial or revocation of reimbursement for the training or education requested.
- I understand that participation in the West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture scholarship program is at the discretion of WVDA and my participation may be denied or revoked at any time and for any reason.
- I understand that, if scholarship funds are used to pay for ineligible or unapproved expenses, I may be required to reimburse WVDA for any funds improperly spent.
- I agree that WVDA may use and share information about me, including my name, likeness, background, business, and products, to market and advertise the West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program. I further understand and agree that my name, business information, and products may be included in online or print directories of West Virginia Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program members.

**Applicant Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

WVDA AGENCY USE ONLY:

Program Coordinator Signature of Approval for Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Program Director Signature of Approval for Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Copy Returned to Applicant (Date): \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

