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Wetland Education Sponsorship Opportunity Application Form

Overview:

NSWA developed a <u>Strategy to Improve Wetland Management</u> in the North Saskatchewan Watershed to improve collaboration, mobilize knowledge, and implement wetland monitoring. Part of this strategy will be to improve the technical capacity in our watershed by providing training opportunities focussed on wetland systems.

The NSWA recently received a grant from the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program by the Government of Alberta to fund a pilot of this endeavour. This pilot program covers the cost of wetland training for technicians and staff within the North Saskatchewan Watershed.

Individuals can complete this application form and submit it to apply@nswa.ab.ca to be considered for sponsorship.

Funding:

Participants will be reimbursed for the cost of 1 wetland course, up to a maximum of \$1000 CAD (mileage + course cost). Please note this opportunity is on a first come first serve basis.

Eligibility:

The NSWA Wetland Education Sponsorship Opportunity is available to individuals within the North Saskatchewan Watershed in Alberta who are staff of:

- Municipalities
- First Nations and Metis communities
- Not for profits engaging in work related to watershed and/or wetland health

Ineligible Applicants:

- Government of Canada staff
- Government of Alberta staff

Individuals working in the private sector

Training:

NSWA has selected 3 courses* individuals can access through the sponsorship:

Course: Natural Asset Management Fundamentals

Level: Beginner

Education Centre: Royal Roads University

Commitment: Blended Online **More Information**: Click Here

Course: ABWRET-A Online Course

Level: Intermediate

Education Centre: Salmtec Consulting

Commitment: Online > 8 Modules - 20 to 24 hours

More Information: Click Here

Course: Wetland Delineation, Classification, + Assessment

Level: Advanced

Education Centre: University of Alberta

Commitment: Online > 39 hours + 2 full-day field trips

More Information: Click here

*Other courses related to wetland management and health **up to \$1000 total cost** will be considered. Please contact us to discuss further.

*This sponsorship opportunity will only cover **up to \$1000 total cost,** which includes course fee and mileage.

How to Apply:

Complete the application form on the next page and submit it to apply@nswa.ab.ca as soon as possible. If a reimbursement model is a financial barrier to participation, please contact us to discuss alternate arrangements.

Employer authorization is required in order to be considered for the sponsorship opportunity. For the purposes of this application, the employer is defined as the individual authorized to decide which individual should receive this training opportunity, for example, a manager, director, CAO, etc.

IMPORTANT: Do not register until you have received approval from NSWA. Applicants who do not receive approval prior to course registration/completion will not receive reimbursement for course cost.

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Trainee Contact Information: Name:______ Date:_____ Community or Organization: Phone:______Alternate phone (e.g., Cell):_____ Mailing Address:_____ Job Title:_____ Job Description:_____ **Sponsorship Details:** Course Selection, please **choose one option**: ☐ ABWRET-A Online Course ☐ Wetland Delineation, Classification, and Assessment If selecting other, please provide the following details: Course Name: Institution/Organization Offering Course:_____ Start and end date of course: _____ Cost of Course: _____ Detailed Course Description, include a link to more information:

Course link:_____

For all applicants:
Please explain briefly what knowledge or skills you hope to gain from this course:

Please explain briefly how the knowledge or skills gained from this course will support your current or future work:

Employer Authorization:
As eligibility only covers one trainee per community or organization, employer authorization is required in order to be considered for the sponsorship opportunity. Trainees must have their employer complete this section. Employer Name:
Job Title/Position:
Employer Signature:
Are there other individuals from your community or organization who would like to access this education opportunity? If yes, please list their name(s) and job titles below:
Trainee Name:
Job Title:
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Job Title: