

Sample NACAA Scholarship Application

Associated State USA

Application Members

Name: I-Am-Ag Agent

Amount Requested \$1,500.00

Specialty Area: Beginning Farmer/Urban Agriculture

Present Position: Extension Educator

Years in Position 13

Total Estimated Cost of Training or Activity:

\$3,500.00

Amount Received from Other Sources:

\$2,000.00

Please indicate specifically where the other funding sources come from (such as full or part salary, assistantship, expense account, other scholarships, etc.):

Land Grant Development Fund - \$1,000

County Extension Development Account - \$500

Personal Funds - \$500

Approximate Starting Date of Training or Activity:

2025-08-15

Description:

This scholarship request aims to provide partial funding to attend, participate in, and present at the National Agricultural Economic Development Conference in Denver, CO. The conference's mission is to unite individuals working for various organizations and provide networking and professional development opportunities. The conference comprises several plenary sessions where nationally recognized speakers talk on topics related to agricultural economic development.

Participants can choose from numerous breakout sessions based on their interests. There are also two networking events. One is a poster session, where some participants are invited to share information about a project they have done. The other is a social event based on broad general topics. Participants can self-select which topic area they wish to attend and participate in.

Justification:

One of the greatest values of attending professional conferences is the ability to network with others doing similar work. Another value is to meet those whose work is vastly different from yours to find commonalities. By attending the IAAEE Annual Conference, I will have the opportunity to network with a global group of individuals doing fantastic work worldwide, learn from their approaches, and see what ideas I can take back to my home community.

The value to me in attending this conference is the potential to present my programs at an international

venue, add to the body of work in my specialty area (urban agriculture), and develop potential collaboration with other institutions. The value to my institution in my attending this conference is growth and recognition in the international extension forum. The information that I bring back from this conference will be of value to my community through the exploration of new ideas, investigation of the diversity in extension approaches, and learning how cities around the globe are approaching urban farming and how it relates to community resilience and a tool against climate change.

Finances:

Budget

The budget should include expense categories, sources of funds, and totals relevant to the activity.

Expense	Amount
Airfare	\$750
Conference Registration	\$1,000
Lodging	\$1,000
Mileage	\$200
Food	\$550
Total Expenses	\$3,500
Funding Source	
NACAA Request	\$1,500
Other Support	\$1,500
Personal Funds	\$500
Total Funding	\$3,500

Budget Narrative:

The funds requested through the NACAA scholarship (\$1500) will be used (in part) for airfare and registration. Other funds will be used for lodging, meals, etc.