



2009 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference Scholarships

Many local officials have expressed concern that with budgets shrinking and more competition for local funds, they will not be able to attend the annual Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. The Ohio Floodplain Management Association's mission and objectives are focused on promoting the education and development of local floodplain managers. The annual Statewide Conference is an opportunity to provide education, training, flood risk awareness, and exchange information among floodplain management professionals.

OFMA is offering scholarships for attendance at the 2009 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. Four (4) scholarships are earmarked for recipients of the OFMA Awards for *Floodplain Administrator of the Year*, *Innovation in Floodplain Management*, *Most Valuable Contribution to Floodplain Management*, and *Distinguished Member Service*. These awards may be given at the Statewide Conference and the scholarship will cover the registration costs for recipient to attend the conference.

Requests for scholarships should be forwarded by **August 10, 2009**. The Scholarship Committee will recommend to the OFMA Executive Board the first six (6) acceptable applicants for receipt of the 2009 scholarships by August 17, 2009. Applicants must apply on their local government's letterhead and indicate the need for this scholarship. The following criteria have been established:

- No federal or state agency representatives
- No consultants or other private entities
- Only one (1) scholarship per local government per year

NEW! For the 2009 conference, OFMA will expand the scholarship to include one night's lodging for recipients traveling from any community that is outside of Franklin and the contiguous counties. All scholarship recipients attending an event will be responsible for costs associated with the event beyond the registration cost. Scholarship recipients must agree to the following one (1) of the terms:

- Serve as host for a local floodplain management workshop or training event (within one year of the event for which a scholarship was awarded) including: secure the facility, invite attendees, and coordinate with OFMA and ODNR, Division of Water.
- Participate actively on the Conference Planning Committee for the year following the event for which a scholarship was awarded.
- Serve the organization in a position of leadership for at least one year following the awarding of a scholarship. This service requirement may be satisfied as an officer, committee chair, or special project support as deemed appropriate by the OFMA Executive Board.

- Provide a written “testimonial” on the value of attending an OFMA scholarship event to be used in newsletter, brochures or other ways to publicize the educational and networking benefits of the conference and similar events.

Individuals receiving scholarship funds to attend the 2009 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference must attend the event for those days that OFMA has provided funding. Any scholarship recipient, who fails to attend the event or incurs any fees from failure to attend or cancellation of registration, will be required to reimburse OFMA for any fees paid by the organization. This agreement will be formalized in a contract between OFMA and the scholarship recipient upon the recipient’s acceptance of the scholarship. No scholarships will be paid until the *Scholarship Contract* is signed by the OFMA Chairman, the recipient, and the recipient’s supervisor. To obtain a copy of the Scholarship Contract, please visit the ODNR website at: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/17934/Default.aspx>

Questions regarding the scholarship program and applications should be directed to Cindy Crecelius at 614-891-1595. Scholarship applications can be forwarded to:

Ohio Floodplain Management Association
Attn: Cindy Crecelius, Scholarship Coordinator
179 Baranof East
Westerville, OH 43081
ccconsults.cjc@gmail.com

You may fax to Ohio Department of Natural Resources at: (614)265-6767



Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA) Scholarship Contract

Scholarship Recipient Information:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Employer _____

As a scholarship recipient, I agree to perform one of the following for the _____ year:
(date)

_____ Serve as host for a local floodplain management workshop or training event (within one year of the event for which a scholarship was awarded) including: secure the facility, invite attendees, and coordinate with OFMA and ODNR, Division of Water.

_____ Participate actively on the Conference Planning Committee for the year following the event for which a scholarship was awarded.

_____ Serve the organization in a position of leadership for at least one year following the awarding of a scholarship. This service requirement may be satisfied as an officer, committee chair, or special project support as deemed appropriate by the OFMA Executive Board.

_____ Provide a written "testimonial" on the value of attending an OFMA scholarship event to be used in newsletter, brochures or other ways to publicize the educational and networking benefits of the conference and similar events.

Upon accepting the scholarship, recipients must agree to all terms stated within the *Scholarship Contract*. Individuals receiving scholarship funds to attend an event (OFMA affiliated or otherwise) must attend the event for those sessions/days that OFMA has provided funding. Any scholarship recipient, who fails to attend the event or incurs any fees from failure to attend or cancellation of registration, will be required to reimburse OFMA for any fees paid by the organization. No scholarships will be paid until the *Scholarship Contract* is signed by the OFMA Chairman, the recipient, and the recipient's supervisor. All scholarship recipients attending an event will be responsible for costs associated with the event beyond the registration cost unless prior approval has been obtained from OFMA.

The Ohio Floodplain Management Association agrees to pay _____ for _____
(Amount) (recipient)
to attend the _____ scheduled for _____
(event) (date)

OFMA Chair Name (Print) Signature Date

I agree to the terms stated within the OFMA Scholarship Contract. If I cannot fulfill my commitment to OFMA after receipt of the scholarship, I will reimburse the full scholarship amount to the organization.

Scholarship Recipient Name (Print) Signature Date

Recipient Supervisor Name (Print) Signature Date