

Application for Teachers

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

Continuing Education SAI Scholarship



Benton SWCD has two **Continuing Education Scholarships** for teachers in the amount of \$600.00 each. Each scholarship is for a non-agriculture Benton County teacher who is interested in attending Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI). This is a 3-credit, week-long, graduate level class **for K-12 educators with little or no background in agriculture**. The **\$600.00 covers the total cost** of registering for the class.

The goal of SAI is to help educators use Agriculture as a context (or theme) for teaching Academic Standards (science, math, social studies, English, etc.). Current, factual, scientific information about agriculture is presented and participants are provided with educational materials to incorporate agriculture, as a teaching context, into their curriculum.

Benton SWCD Continuing Education SAI Scholarship Criteria:

- ✓ Teach K-12 Benton County Students
- ✓ Teach Non-Agriculture Subjects
- ✓ Fill out Continuing Education SAI Scholarship Application
- ✓ Fill out SAI Application Form
- ✓ Submit a one page summary report once class is completed

Continuing Education SAI Scholarship **applications are due by 11:59 p.m. March 15, 2013**. Applications will be reviewed by Benton SWCD Board and Staff. They will select two winners at the monthly board meeting at the beginning of April. The winning applicants will be notified by mail, email or telephone. The scholarship will be paid directly to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation. (If payment has been made send proof of payment for reimbursement.)

NOTE: *Scholarship recipients are required to submit to Benton SWCD a one page report (maximum), upon completion of the course. The report should include what you learned in the course and how you will use what you learned in your own classroom.*

Please return completed applications to:

Benton Soil & Water Conservation District
Attn: Education Coordinator
456 SW Monroe Ave., Suite 110
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-7208 fax: (541) 753-7208

Benton SWCD's Mission is to provide leadership to Benton County residents through education and technical assistance for conservation and responsible use and management of soil, water and related resources. The overarching goal of BSWCD is to focus attention on soil and water conservation issues, activities and concerns through these comprehensive approaches:

1. Provide technical knowledge and assistance to county residents using technology appropriate to each situation.
2. Conduct soil and water conservation education and outreach activities at all levels and for all ages.
3. Increase visibility of the Benton SWCD as the conservation organization for Benton County.
4. Assist commercial producers to achieve their resource management objectives.
5. Aid residents to understand the financial assistance available to them.
6. Build and maintain working relationships with district partners and cooperators.

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Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Summer Ag Institute Scholarship for Teachers

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Name: _____

School Name/Location: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Grade Level Teaching: _____ # Years Teaching: _____

Subject(s) you Teach: _____

Briefly Explain Why You Would Like To Attend SAI: _____

Please tell us in one or two sentences what you think the "Definition of Agriculture" is?

(The same answer as on the SAI application): _____

Principal Support/Recommendation

By signing below I declare that this course will benefit the applicant.

Principal Printed Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

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