

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

for ASFPM'S 47th Annual National Conference May 7-11, 2023 Raleigh, North Carolina

WAFSCM is pleased to announce that they will be awarding scholarships for attendance at the 2023 Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Annual Conference, May 7-11, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina. **Current members, including board members, of WAFSCM are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend the 2023 conference.** Nearly 1,200 government officials, planners, engineers, consultants, watershed managers, educators, and others gather at this conference for the most comprehensive floodplain management conference in the world. This is a great opportunity to interact, exchange ideas, make contacts, form partnerships, and prepare for an improved and sustainable future for flood damage reduction. For information on the conference and the conference program, visit <u>https://www.floods.org/conference/2023-asfpm-conference/</u>.

The scholarships will be in an amount <u>up to</u> \$2,500, which can be applied to the general registration; workshops and tours; up to four nights lodging (\$200 per night plus tax); and travel. Travel costs are capped at \$2,000. There are three registration options:

Full in-person registration includes admission to the Sunday Welcome Fest; Monday through Thursday conference program; exhibits; Tuesday ASFPM Foundation Luncheon; early bird sessions; Thursday National Awards Luncheon; and Thursday evening networking event; as well as refreshment breaks, conference materials, conference participants list, and access to an on-demand library of more than 200 presentations until Jan. 31, 2024.

<u>Basic in-person registration</u> includes admission to the Sunday Welcome Fest, Monday through Thursday conference program, exhibits and early bird sessions, as well as refreshment breaks, conference materials, conference participants list, and access to an on-demand library of more than 200 presentations until Jan. 31, 2024.

<u>Virtual conference registration</u> includes three live-broadcast plenary sessions, live broadcast of the ASFPM Foundation program, live broadcast of the ASFPM National Awards ceremony, six virtually moderated concurrent sessions tracks, conference participants list, and online access to an on-demand library of all more than 200 presentations conference sessions until Jan. 31, 2024.

The scholarship recipients will be responsible for coordinating their own per diem costs. WAFSCM will be required to notify the scholarship recipients of their award, ensure they have the pertinent information to register, and that they attend the conference. Recipients are responsible for their own registration and hotel and travel arrangements. WAFSCM will reimburse each recipient for eligible expenses upon conclusion of the conference and submission of the WAFSCM Scholarship Reimbursement Form along with receipts. Each recipient is required to write and submit an article for the next WAFSCM Newsletter regarding their experience at the conference or another related topic no later than August 31,2023.

These scholarships will be exclusively to cover the following:

• Registration

Cost of early bird full in-person registration (before April 1, 2023)

- ✓ ASFPM Member \$725
- ✓ ASFPM Non-Member \$910

OR

Cost of early bird basic in-person or virtual conference registration (before April 1, 2023)

- ✓ ASFPM Member \$650
- ✓ ASFPM Non-Member \$835
- Workshops and field tours costs vary
- Up to four nights of lodging up to \$200 per night plus tax
- Travel expenses including flights and car or taxi transportation (capped at \$2,000)

Criteria that may be considered in selection of scholarship recipients include:

- Whether the applicant is a Certified Floodplain Manager
- Past participation in WAFSCM
- Commitment to participate in future WAFSCM activities (committees, conference, workshops, etc.)
- Other criteria to be determined

WAFSCM members are eligible to receive a scholarship once every three years.

The main days for the conference are Tuesday through Thursday. Additional training workshops on a variety of topics and technical field tours are offered Sunday through Thursday. If time is limited, attendance at the main conference days, Tuesday through Thursday, is a must, but if you have more time we would encourage you take advantage of the available training and field tours.

The attached WAFSCM Scholarship Application Form must be completed and submitted to Julia Orlowski, <u>JOrlowski@sewrpc.org</u> no later than <u>February 28,2023</u>.