**2022 Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI)**

**Idaho Scholarship Application**

The Idaho Department of Lands Community Forestry Program is offering up to two scholarships to municipal arborist staff for the national 2022 Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI). MFI is a weeklong, intensive, high-level leadership training and education program. It helps participants build leadership skills, think and plan strategically, and increase success in working with boards, coalitions, organizations and individuals. For more information, visit: <https://www.urban-forestry.com/society-of-municipal-arborists---mfi-2022>

Applicants from Idaho municipal forestry programs (city community forestry program or equivalent) are eligible for the IDL scholarship to MFI. Additionally, participants from historically underserved populations, including all ethnic origins (African Americans, Asian or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Hispanics and White) will be considered for the SMA sponsored DIVERSITY scholarships\* for attendance to MFI.

The scholarships will cover registration fees, course materials, meals (Sunday dinner through Friday lunch) and five nights lodging (Total value = $2,399). Recipients will be responsible for their travel and any other incidental costs. The 2022 MFI will be held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH from September 25th to 30th, 2022.

Please complete the following information and attach requested documents (Resume and at least one letter of recommendation). The deadline for scholarship applications is June 24th, 2021.

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| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| City/Organization: | |
| Address: | |
| City/State/Zip: | |
| E-mail: | Phone: |

***Attach a professional resume’ showing your job duties and experience.***

***Attach a letter of recommendation from an employer or professional colleague.***

*Please do not exceed TWO pages when answering the following questions.*

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| How will MFI help you do your job better? How will this experience benefit your community? |
| Why do you, personally, want to attend MFI? |
| *\*(Optional)* Do you qualify as diversity candidate or identify as a member of a historically underserved group? Would you like to be considered for an SMA diversity scholarship to attend MFI? |

*Please check all that apply. (For information only; not required for scholarship.)*

**I am on staff with an Idaho municipality**

**I am a Pacific Northwest Chapter—ISA member**

**I am a Certified Arborist**

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2022 MFI SCHOLARSHIP IS **June 24th, 2021**. Send applications to:

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—or e-mail to—

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*For questions call: 208-334-0250*

Scholarship applicants will be notified of application status by July 2nd and selected applicants will need to register for MFI by July 15th on the SMA website at: <https://www.urban-forestry.com/society-of-municipal-arborists---mfi-2021>

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