

Cawaco Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
Capacity Improvement Scholarship Request
FY 2005

Scholarship Program Overview:

The Cawaco Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. has a limited amount of funding to provide scholarships. These scholarships are targeted at local decision makers from small communities with limited resources to attend local workshops. The goal of the Scholarship is to increase the amount of information available to communities with limited resources. Communities within Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, and Walker Counties are eligible to participate in the program. By providing scholarships to local workshops such as Your Town Alabama, Smart Growth Conferences, Water Quest the Capacity Improvement Scholarship will expand economic, industrial, and rural development by providing information at the local level addressing community issues.

Both public and private groups may apply. Organizations may only apply for one challenge grant. If more than one application is received, the first application submitted by the applying group will be accepted.

Project Requirements:

The community attendee will prepare and submit a scholarship request. Information provided by the attendee will include:

1. Workshop flyer or brochure,
2. Completed Capacity Improvement Scholarship Request

Funds will be limited to workshop fees and, if necessary, reasonable overnight accommodations. Travel costs and meal expense will be considered as cash match.

Scholarship requests will be circulated to the Executive Committee of Cawaco Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. for approval.

Attendees will be required to present a report to the Council with information received from the workshop/conference along with lessons learned and/or how the information will be used for community improvement.

Proposal Submission

Proposals are accepted on an on-going basis as long as funds are available.

It is preferred that grant applications be submitted electronically to grants@cawaco.org.

However, applications may be mailed to:

Cawaco Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

ATTN: Challenge Grants

1731 1st Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, AL 35203 *(Remember to keep a copy for your records)*

Distribution of Funds:

Funds will be distributed *on a reimbursable basis*. The balance of funds will be withheld pending submission of an acceptable final report and conference documentation.

Council Goals and Mission:**Our Goals**

- Develop adequate public utilities, facilities and services including recreation, housing, roads, water, fire protection, etc., for all towns and rural areas.
- Accelerate and expand economic, industrial, and rural development to meet the area's needs.
- Protect and improve the area's water and air quality.
- Apply sound management practices on the area's agricultural and other lands to preserve and enhance the soil and water resource base while increasing economic returns.
- Maximize the development, protection, and management of the area's forestlands.
- Assist small family farms enabling them to remain a vital link in the area's agricultural system.

Our Mission:

Leading Central Alabama in the Conservation and Wise Use of Our Resources.

For additional information, contact the Cawaco RC&D Council at (205) 251-8139.

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Title of Workshop/Conference: _____

Workshop/Conference Fees: \$ _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Fax:** _____

Attach Workshop/Conference Brochure

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Project Description:

A. State clearly and succinctly why scholarship is needed.

B. Tell how the proposed project will serve to improve the community involved. Describe any challenges that might be presented during the project's time frame.

C. State the Council Goal(s) this project addresses and how it advances the Council's Mission.