



Request for Travel Funding/Scholarship

Name:
Title:
Email:
Address:
Phone:
Alt. Phone:

Name of Organization/Agency:

Proposed Attendance/Travel Dates: _____ to _____

Location of Event (may be virtual):

Event(s) to be attended (may be virtual):

Attach a copy of event agenda/itinerary or web link:

Name of individuals attending the event:

Is this a SSARE sponsored event? Yes No

Have you received a SSARE Travel Scholarship in the last 3 years? Yes No

Why are you attending the event and what information do you hope to obtain for training of producers?

How will the individual attendees use this knowledge in future trainings of other producers? If any producer trainings are planned, please provide information on those future trainings.

Budget and Budget Narrative:

(Travel (car, van, plane) can be covered at lowest cost rate. Meals will not be reimbursed except by special permission)

Event Registration Fee:

Transportation:

- Air
- Ground (mileage)
- Ground (rental)
- Fees (toll, parking, etc.)

Lodging:

Total Requested:

Budget Narrative: How did you calculate your budget items?

SARE Scholarship Travel Guidelines & Standard Procedures

SSARE offers funds for travel to conferences where information may be imparted or gained for sustainable agriculture. **Individuals requesting travel scholarships attendance to an event to gain knowledge / skill for personal use should contact the SSARE State Coordinator in their state or region.**

Southern SARE Region includes 13 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Travel funds can be appropriated in one of two ways and the procedures for such travel are as follows:

SSARE tries to utilize the available funds in the most efficient, economical and organized fashion. Fund requests \$2,999 and lower may be approved by SSARE administrative staff, whereas, requests \$3,000 and over require the approval of the SSARE Administrative Council or Executive Council.

SSARE may need to appoint designated organizers to recruit participants, be the contact person, or to work with local vendors such as Bus/Van Charter companies.

Personal Identifiable Information – SSARE must abide by not only Federal Regulations, policies and procedures for travel, but those of the University of Georgia as well. As an added level of security, social security numbers are not included on travel reimbursement forms. An Individual Vendor Profile form must be completed in the Unified Vendor Database at: <http://suppliers.uga.edu>. This will take you to a secure website to enter your social security and address information. This is a one-time form. If you have completed this form in the past, you will not have to complete another one for subsequent reimbursements. A paper version of this form can be made available to those without internet access. **Completion of this form is mandatory in order to receive payment. This is non-negotiable.** Social Security numbers will be kept confidential at the University of Georgia.

TRANSPORTATION – Chartered buses or vans are often utilized for group travel to conferences or events. SSARE will pay for Chartered buses or vans, when needed, so that the expenses are not incurred up front by recipients of the scholarships. The designated organizers will make all charter arrangements, have the charter bus contract emailed/faxed over to the SSARE office for approval, and have the servicer contact SSARE regarding payment for services. When bus/van charters are used, there will be **no** mileage reimbursed to or from the participants' home or beginning destination to the bus/van location. For those instances where participants drive to the conference or event, SSARE may reimburse the mileage at a rate of \$0.585 cents per mile. Google maps with the start and end location and / or odometer readings are **required**. If a rental vehicle expense is claimed, there will be **no** mileage reimbursed for those miles associated with the rental vehicle. Fuel expenses will **only** be paid when accompanying a rental vehicle expense. We encourage participants to utilize the most economical means of transportation in an effort to keep the expenditures low so that funds can be offered to more individuals who wish to participate. If a bus/charter service will be utilized to transport participants it will be necessary for the designated organizer to anticipate the rental costs and

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deduct those funds prior to determining how many scholarships can be provided. Organizers must provide a typed list of those participants that will be utilizing the bus/van charter service. SARE can pay for charter service utilizing Group Travel procedures and credit card payment, providing the bus/charter service accepts Visa. The bus/charter service **must** accept credit cards; **no** third party can run the credit card for the bus/charter company. If the bus/charter service does not accept credit cards, a check request has to be submitted and the bus/charter service must be told that payment takes 4-6 weeks for delivery.

HOTEL – Hotel accommodations cannot be directly paid by SSARE, nor will SSARE make the reservations for the participants. **Participants may be reimbursed for their lodging; however, depending on the method of allocation used, hotel accommodations may be limited or partially reimbursed.** Where there are overnight expenses incurred there are usually associated or referred hotels. If the participant chooses to make other reservations at non-referred hotels, the lower room rate will prevail. SSARE does not reimburse miscellaneous charges such as internet connection fees, phone calls, movies, or other miscellaneous charges. **Hotel / Lodging receipts must include detailed charges and be in the claimant's name to be eligible for reimbursement.** In the case where one organizer or participant pays the lodging for a group of participants, a list of participants and their addresses will be necessary for reimbursement of the lodging. The hotel bill / invoice should be in detail with individual names matching the list provided by the SSARE appointed organizers. If double occupancy rooms are used both names must appear on the invoice.

Per University of Georgia policy, only hotels/motels are allowable lodging establishments for reimbursement. Businesses, such as Airbnb, Vrbo, HomeAway, condos/townhomes, or similar vacation rentals are not allowable lodging services.

REGISTRATION – Registration is paid by the participant, and original registration and field trip receipts are submitted to SSARE for reimbursement. To learn more about reimbursement guidelines, visit: <https://southern.sare.org/about/sare-travel/traveling-as-a-sare-scholarship-recipient/>