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Illinois SARE Professional Development Programing Application

Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program is able to provide partial support for projects designed to increase the knowledge base and effectiveness of agricultural professionals in developing programs that enhance the sustainability of our agricultural communities and systems. Reimbursement generally caps out at $2000 depending on the size of the project.

Here, agricultural professionals can include:

- Extension Educators
- Natural Resource Conservation Service staff
- Soil and Water Conservation District staff and directors
- State and federal agency personnel
- Farmer leaders
- Teachers
- Educators in the profit and not-for-profit sector serving the food and fiber system

If your application is selected, you will be asked to fill out a year-end survey to estimate the number of farmers and agriculture educators who directly and/or indirectly increased their knowledge of sustainable agriculture or changed their farming practices based your event.

IL SARE Initiatives:

Please select which of the IL SARE initiatives your project addresses.

- ☐ Expanding the understanding of sustainable agriculture practices
- ☐ Regional Initiative: Paths to sustainable labor
- ☐ Support market development for emerging crops and diverse rotations (including livestock integration)
- ☐ Local food system supports

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Project title: _____

Funds Requested: $_____ I received IL SARE funds in last 2 years (Y/N)? ____

Project Summary

Please include what the project will be about, when and where it will be, the target audience, and the impact you expect to have on the Sustainable Agriculture Community in Illinois.

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*Submit this form along with a budget and budget justification to cloomis3@illinois.edu

Contact Information

You should use the same information when you register as a vendor with the University of Illinois.

Applicant Name: _____

Vender Alias: _____Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City_____State_____Zip_____

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IL SARE Applicant Checklist

Program Materials

□ IL SARE Application Form

□ Mileage reimbursement form, if applicable

□ Invoice for reimbursement template, please submit as word document.

□ At the end of the year, we will send out an impacts survey to gather estimates of how many educators and/or farmers have increased their knowledge or changed practices as a result of your educational programming based on this event. At this time, we would also encourage you to share any pictures or stories that might help us share the impact of IL SARE.

Timeline

- Submit application
- Receive approval decision (1-2 weeks)
- Request and fill out new vendor form if necessary. May take up to a month to process.
- Host sustainable agriculture professional development event
- Submit event agenda, invoice, receipts, and mileage form. This is a reimbursement program so even though we will be using an invoice we will also need receipts from the event equal to or greater than the amount reimbursed.
- The University of Illinois processes the payment. This has taken 2 months up to 6 months depending on if we run into any complications.
- Fill out year-end impact survey in December. If the event was at the end of the year, we may ask you to fill out the survey the next year.