

UNIVERSITY *of* MISSOURI

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CENTER FOR AGROFORESTRY

2020 Agroforestry Academy

Veteran Farmer Scholarship Application

The MU Center for Agroforestry is offering a limited number of farmer scholarships to attend the 2020 Agroforestry Academy. Scholarships of varying amounts, reserved exclusively for U.S. military veteran farmers, are as follows:

- a) Base level scholarship covers 50% of the cost of Academy registration: \$350 value;
- b) Intermediate level scholarship covers 100% of the cost of Academy registration: \$700 value;
- c) Full scholarship covers the cost of Academy registration, lodging and food*: \$1,000 value.

Scholarship recipients are expected to cover the cost of their travel expenses to and from the Agroforestry Academy. To be considered, please answer the questions below thoughtfully. Applications must be emailed to toddcs@missouri.edu by 5PM EST on Friday, May 29, 2020.

**Lodging includes a shared room in an MU dormitory Sunday – Thursday nights, July 26 – 31, 2020. Meals will be offered in the Plaza 900 dining hall adjacent to the dormitory.*

Name:

Occupation(s):

Farm:

Farm website (if available):

Number of seasons farming:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

- 1) Are you actively engaged in agriculture? What are some of your farming goals? (200 words or less)
- 2) Submit a brief statement about why it is important for you to attend the Agroforestry Academy (500 words or less). Items to include in your statement:

What do you expect to learn?

How are you going to use the information?

- 3) Letter(s) of support addressing why you should be a candidate for scholarship (1 or 2 letters)
- 4) In the future, would you be willing to host farm tours sharing what you have learned about the agroforestry practices that you are applying on your farm?
- 5) Please include proof of military service such as a copy of your DD214 and/or military I.D.
- 6) What level of scholarship are you seeking?



The Agroforestry Academy is **an intensive training program** that includes activities requiring participants to stand for up to 20 minutes, walk short and moderate distances, and sit in classroom chairs for periods of up to 1.5 hours. We recognize that not all individuals are comfortable or able to complete these tasks without assistance. **If you will need assistance with any of these activities or have a food allergy please contact Caroline Todd directly at toddcs@missouri.edu or (573)884-2874.**

During the Agroforestry Academy, participants will learn from agroforestry professionals and farmers about each of the recognized temperate agroforestry practices: windbreaks, riparian and upland forest buffers, silvopasture, forest farming, and alley cropping. Additionally, classroom sessions and field visits will cover economic and financial aspects of agroforestry decision-making, markets and marketing for perennial specialty crops, basic cultivation techniques for common perennial crops in agroforestry, infrastructure for agroforestry adoption, and a forest apiculture (beekeeping) workshop.

Hands-on and collaborative learning aspects of the Academy include: a group case study farm design project to apply what's been learned each day, hands-on mushroom inoculation and tree grafting demonstrations, and a silviculture (applied forest management) exercise to create forested silvopasture paddocks.

For more information about the Agroforestry Academy week, please see the program brochure, at

<http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/academy/2020/RegistrationBrochure.pdf>

