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Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC)**

# **Guidelines for 2024 Grant Applicants**

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Greetings and thank you for your interest in the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee's grant making program.

The SFI in Wisconsin collaboratively promotes and facilitates sustainable forest management by example and by providing guidance, assistance and education – including competitive grants – to forest industry professionals, private forest owners, educators, researchers and others supporting the SFI's principles. For information on SFI nationally please see: [www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org).

There are four grant categories: (1) Forest Professionals Education & Training, (2) Private Non-Industrial Forest Outreach, (3) Public Outreach, and (4) Research. Descriptions of each are located in this document. These guidelines are intended to be a resource to explain the application procedures. The application form is available from the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) office. Should you have any questions please contact our office.

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## Grant Categories

The Wisconsin SIC awards grants annually through a competitive process. Grants are available to fund SFI-compatible proposals in four categories:

- **Forest Professionals Education and Training** – For programs that provide education and training for forestry professionals (e.g., loggers, wood transporters, foresters, technicians) in areas consistent with the annual *Wisconsin SFI Training Standard* (core and continuing education).
- **Private, Non-Industrial Forests** – For programs that encourage or support sustainable forestry in the private, non-industrial forest sector consistent with SFI principles.
- **Public Outreach** – For programs that support forestry education or other public outreach activities, promoting sustainable forestry consistent with SFI principles.
- **Research** – For programs that support advances in sustainable forest management through forestry research, science and technology consistent with SFI principles.

### 2023 Deadlines and Important Dates for Applicants for 2024 Grants

- July 26** Due date for submission of written applications for grants to be distributed during 2024. Applicants must use the Wisconsin SFI application form. Electronic submissions must be sent by 11:59 p.m., July 26. Submissions by U.S. Postal Service must be postmarked no later than July 26. Submissions hand delivered or sent by courier (FedEx, UPS, etc.) must arrive at the SFI office by 4:00 p.m., July 26. Contact information appears on the first page of the application form.
- August 10** Date when applicants are notified whether (a) they are invited to make an in-person presentation to the Grant Screening Subcommittee, or (b) their application is no longer being considered.
- Sept. 21** Date for in-person presentations to the Grant Screening Committee by invited applicants. Each invited applicant will have a scheduled appointment time.
- Potential scheduling conflicts will be addressed by the Grant Screening Committee. Appointments on alternate days may be possible, if circumstances make it impossible for an applicant to appear, but cannot be guaranteed.
- October 11** Date when SIC dues payers meet in closed session during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter SIC meeting for final grant decision making and then publicly identify grant recipients for the following year and the grant amounts awarded to each.

## Amount of Funds Available for Grants

Approximately 92% of the Wisconsin SFI's annual budget is allocated to grants. The Wisconsin SFI strives to carry forward, from one calendar year to the next, only the minimum amount of financial resources needed to avoid cash flow concerns at the start of a new year. Thus on the date applications are due it is not possible to provide grant applicants with a guaranteed amount of dollars which will be distributed the following year in total or in each category because the next year's budget is not finalized.

*For an indication of the dollars which may be available for 2024 grants please refer to the Addendum which displays the most recent 10 years of grant making by the Wisconsin SIC.*

## Applications for 2024 Grants

Use the **Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Grant Application for Calendar Year 2024** to apply (available from the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee office). Applicants are welcome to attach additional pages in order to provide complete answers to the questions.

## Sources of Funds

Funds for grant making are provided by forest products firms participating in the SFI program which acquire all, or a portion, of their wood needs from public and private forests in Wisconsin. Each year they establish a dues structure based on a formula in order to raise the funds to be awarded as grants and for operating expenses. Participating firms pay dues based on either the amount of wood fiber they acquire from within Wisconsin in the preceding year or the amount of acres they own/manage within Wisconsin. The Wisconsin SIC has no other financial resources. Funds for grants in this and/or recent years have been provided by these companies.

***Columbia Forest Products***

***Ahlstrom-Munksjo***

***Futurewood Corp.***

***Kretz Lumber***

***Louisiana-Pacific***

***Potlatch/Deltic Corp***

***Timberland Investment Resources***

***Domtar***

***Lyme Timber Great Lakes***

***Goodman Forests, LLC***

***Hancock Forest Management***

***Packaging Corporation of America***

***Sappi Fine Paper***

***Billerud***