

COLORADO CHAPTER

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

GRANT PROGRAM

The mission of the Colorado Chapter of SWCS is to promote the wise use of soil, water and other natural resources through scientific, educational, and service-oriented functions. The members promote a stewardship ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and natural resources.

As part of our mission, the SWCS Colorado Chapter is creating a grant program to sponsor individuals and groups organizing or participating in activities related to the SWCS CO Chapter mission. This award program offers up to \$200 per sponsorship to an individual or group. The maximum offered by the SWCS CO Chapter in sponsorships is \$500 per calendar year. The purpose of this grant program is to help support workshops, training programs or other activities that contribute to the spread of knowledge in conjunction with other institutions and organizations.

It is essential that we use internet communications, meetings, newsletter, and other media to disseminate information about erosion control practices across Colorado that help prevent sediment from reaching waterways, maintaining soil quality and sustainability of farmland, rangeland and natural and urban systems. The SWCS Colorado Chapter goals emphasize that reduction of erosion will contribute to lower sediment deposition in the waterways and water storage reservoirs of Colorado that are so important for the growing population, irrigated lands and natural ecosystems. Management of water resource for sustainability and water quality is important for the arid western United States, especially in Colorado. We also seek to increase consciousness that erosion by wind and water have negative impacts on soil productivity, sustainability of cropland and rangeland, as well as off-site impacts to the environment. The SWCS Colorado Chapter is interested in merging resources with other institutions and organizations to provide field days, workshops, and symposia to increase and spread the current knowledge of natural resource conservation in Colorado.

For additional related topics and other goals of the SWCS Colorado Chapter, please review the long term plans at our website: http://www.swcs.org/en/colorado_chapter/

There will be no deadline for the grant program. The Grant Program Committee will accept proposals from individuals and groups requesting SWCS Colorado Chapter sponsorship for activities held in Colorado for the conservation of natural resources.

The maximum amount awarded in a single calendar year shall not exceed \$500.00. Applications will be accepted until the funds for the year are gone. There will be a Grant Program Committee to evaluate proposals as they are received.

To avoid conflict of interest no member of the Grant Program Committee and or the SWCS Colorado Chapter Board can not submit a proposal to this award.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any member of the general public can submit a proposal. Proposals must be oriented toward conservation of natural resources and must align with the mission and vision of the SWCS Colorado Chapter. Proposed activities and programs should be designed to disseminate knowledge, train, and educate peers and members of the general public in the natural resource conservation field.

Checklist for Application

All information packages for each grant must be emailed to SWCS Colorado Grant Program Chairperson Dawn Jackson

1. Complete the SWCS Colorado Grant Program Application Form
2. Include copies of any other supportive information about the program and or activity.
3. Email all materials to Dawn Jackson, SWCS Colorado Grant Program Chairperson, at dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov

SWCS Colorado Grant Program Chairperson:

Dawn Jackson

email: dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov

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Other Committee members:

Dr. Jorge A. Delgado

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2009 PROCEDURES

AWARDS OFFERED PER YEAR

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- To avoid conflict of interest, no member of the Grant Committee or the SWCS Colorado Chapter Board may submit a proposal for a grant through this program.

WHERE & HOW TO APPLY

- Application packages must include a completed SWCS Colorado Chapter Grant Program application form.

Email completed applications and supplementary documents to:

Dawn Jackson, Chairperson SWCS Colorado Grant Program

email: dawn.Jackson@co.usda.gov

phone: 970-522-7440 ext.117

DEADLINES and SCHEDULE

- Applications may be submitted at any time.
- The SWCS Colorado Chapter Grant Program Committee members will evaluate all applications within two months of submission.
- Applicants will receive an answer within two to three months of submission.
- This award program allows up to \$200 per sponsorship and operates on a maximum yearly budget of \$500.
- Once a grant is awarded, the check will be mailed within four months of submission.

- If not selected, applicant will receive an email indicating so within four months of submission.

Ranking Procedures

*At least two members of the **SWCS Colorado Chapter Grant Program Committee** will rank each applicant.*

The following factors will be considered when ranking the applications.

1. Offer of CEUs
2. Expected number of attendees
3. Impact on soil and water conservation in Colorado
4. General impacts of the activity or organization
5. Stature of cooperating institutions or organizations
in Soil and Water Conservation
6. Stature of speakers and/or topics discussed