



## 2008 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference Scholarships

Many local officials have expressed concern that with budgets shrinking and more competition for local funds, they will not be able to attend the annual Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. The Ohio Floodplain Management Association's mission and objectives are focused on promoting the education and development of local floodplain managers. The annual Statewide Conference is an opportunity to provide education, training, flood risk awareness, and exchange information among floodplain management professionals.

OFMA is offering ten (10) scholarships for attendance at the 2008 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. Four (4) scholarships are earmarked for recipients of the OFMA Awards for *Floodplain Administrator of the Year*, *Innovation in Floodplain Management*, *Most Valuable Contribution to Floodplain Management*, and *Distinguished Member Service*. These awards will be given at the Statewide Conference and the scholarship will cover the registration costs for recipient to attend the conference.

Requests for scholarships should be submitted to Ray Sebastian by **July 1, 2008**. The Scholarship Committee will recommend to the OFMA Executive Board the first six (6) acceptable applicants for receipt of the 2008 scholarships by July 31, 2008. Applicants must apply on their local government's letterhead and indicate the need for this scholarship. The following criteria have been established:

- No federal or state agency representatives
- No consultants or other private entities
- Only one (1) scholarship per local government per year

All scholarship recipients attending an event will be responsible for costs associated with the event beyond the registration cost. Scholarship recipients must agree to the following one (1) of the terms:

- Serve as host for a local floodplain management workshop or training event (within one year of the event for which a scholarship was awarded) including: secure the facility, invite attendees, and coordinate with OFMA and ODNR, Division of Water.
- Participate actively on the Conference Planning Committee for the year following the event for which a scholarship was awarded.
- Serve the organization in a position of leadership for at least one year following the awarding of a scholarship. This service requirement may be satisfied as an officer, committee chair, or special project support as deemed appropriate by the OFMA Executive Board.

Individuals receiving scholarship funds to attend the 2008 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference must attend the event for those days that OFMA has provided funding. Any scholarship recipient, who fails to attend the event or incurs any fees from failure to attend or cancellation of registration, will be required to reimburse OFMA for any fees paid by the organization. This agreement will be formalized in a contract between OFMA and the scholarship recipient upon the recipient's acceptance of the scholarship. No scholarships will be paid until the *Scholarship Contract* is signed by the OFMA Chairman, the recipient, and the recipient's supervisor. To obtain a copy of the Scholarship Contract, please visit the ODNR website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Water/FloodPlains/FloodConferencesPage/tabid/17934/Default.aspx> . Questions regarding the scholarship program and applications should be directed to:

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OFMA – Scholarship Committee  
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Batavia, OH 45103  
(513) 732-7213  
(513) 732-7163 (fax)  
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# Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA) Scholarship Contract

### Scholarship Recipient Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

As a scholarship recipient, I agree to perform one of the following for the \_\_\_\_\_ year:  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_ Serve as host for a local floodplain management workshop or training event (within one year of the event for which a scholarship was awarded) including: secure the facility, invite attendees, and coordinate with OFMA and ODNR, Division of Water.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participate actively on the Conference Planning Committee for the year following the event for which a scholarship was awarded.

\_\_\_\_\_ Serve the organization in a position of leadership for at least one year following the awarding of a scholarship. This service requirement may be satisfied as an officer, committee chair, or special project support as deemed appropriate by the OFMA Executive Board.

Upon accepting the scholarship, recipients must agree to all terms stated within the *Scholarship Contract*. Individuals receiving scholarship funds to attend an event (OFMA affiliated or otherwise) must attend the event for those sessions/days that OFMA has provided funding. Any scholarship recipient, who fails to attend the event or incurs any fees from failure to attend or cancellation of registration, will be required to reimburse OFMA for any fees paid by the organization. No scholarships will be paid until the *Scholarship Contract* is signed by the OFMA Chairman, the recipient, and the recipient's supervisor. All scholarship recipients attending an event will be responsible for costs associated with the event beyond the registration cost unless prior approval has been obtained from OFMA.

The Ohio Floodplain Management Association agrees to pay \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$amount) (recipient)  
to attend the \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_  
(event) (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**OFMA Chair** Name (Print) Signature Date

I agree to the terms stated within the OFMA Scholarship Contract. If I cannot fulfill my commitment to OFMA after receipt of the scholarship, I will reimburse the full scholarship amount to the organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship Recipient** Name (Print) Signature Date

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**Recipient Supervisor** Name (Print) Signature Date