



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Minority Farming Training

Sponsored by USDA/CSREES

December 5th, 2003

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wilmington Wyndham Hotel, Delaware

Held in conjunction with
The 5th Annual Future of Our Food and Farms Summit

Presented by
The Mid-Atlantic Food & Farm Coalition

-- All scholarship applications should be sent by November 8th --

Are you in a minority farmer or do you work with minority farmers? Could you use more information about what crops to grow, financing, business planning, and budgeting? Would you like to learn about local, state, and federal resources available to you? Then the *Minority Farming Training* may be for you!

The purpose of the training, which will be offered during the 5th Annual Future of Our Food and Farms Summit, is to discover tools and resources that can help you make your farm more profitable. The training workshops will also be great places to meet people, make important contacts, and pick up resource materials free of charge.

The *Minority Farming Training* scholarships are **valued at up to \$180 each**. Most of the funds will be used to defray the registration fee; however, a small percentage of the funds can be used for out-of-town participants to help cover hotel costs. Scholarships are primarily intended for minority farmers, however agricultural professionals who work with minority farmers will be considered. Recipients will be selected on a first come, first serve basis from among those who meet these criteria. **Scholarship recipients are required to attend three sessions on December 5th and participate in the training evaluation procedures to receive funding.**

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please submit a brief letter or email that includes:

Your name, job title, organization, address, phone, email address (if you have one), and a one paragraph description of your farm and how this workshop might help you.

Entries will be reviewed and scholarships awarded by members of a scholarship committee, including representatives from The Food Trust, Hershey Brothers Farm, Maryland Cooperative Extension, Mid-Atlantic Food and Farm Coalition, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of New Jersey, and University of Maryland.

Please send your application by email to contact@thefoodtrust.org, by fax to 215-568-0882 or by mail to Scholarship Application, The Food Trust, 1201 Chestnut Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.