

NYSAF Development Fund Grants

Goals

- Promote education to enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resources management.
- Conduct forest policy activities.
- To strengthen NYSAF and associated chapters in achieving the mission of the Society

Project Ideas

- Project proposals must meet at least one of the goals listed above. Proposals could include but are not limited to:
- Public outreach and education. [forestry field days, museum displays, education programs for teachers, communications programs, or media relations programs (field tours, letter writing campaigns, etc)].
- Legislative events. [legislative field tours, breakfasts, luncheons, or visits by SAF members].
- Local unit support. [special professional development opportunities (guest speakers, joint organizational meetings), website development, membership recruitment/retention, or leadership training].

Deadlines

Grant applications must be made to the NYSAF Executive Committee before the following deadlines:

January 1

July 1

Other Criteria

- The project must be sponsored, supervised, or organized and involve the active participation of NYSAF members.
- Projects must contain a strong communications plan that includes:
 - Providing press releases and other notices to external audiences and media.
 - Notifying members and others in the natural resources community about the project.
 - Sharing the outcomes of the project with members through such media as the NY Forester or NYSAF Website.
- The proposal must clearly demonstrate the capability and enthusiasm as well as realistic timetable, budget, and methods to ensure the successful completion of the project.
- Projects must be completed within one year of approval.
- At the completion of the project, an evaluation will be submitted to the Executive Committee. The evaluation should include a write-up, photos, news clippings, etc. The evaluation is due 60 days after completing the project. Twenty percent of the funds will be withheld until the evaluation is submitted. After 60 days, any unclaimed funds will be forfeited.

- Special consideration will be given to first time proposals and to projects that include substantial matching funds. NYSAF Development Fund Grants will generally be limited to less than \$1,000.
- Each Chapter will only be eligible for funding of one project per year.

Proposal

Must be typed and include the enclosed information form.

- Summary of project: A brief explanation outlining the goals, purpose, and outcomes of the project.
- Objectives: List the major points that are being communicating to the audience and how the objectives meet the goals of the NYSAF Development Fund.
- Target audience.
- Methods: Describe the methods that will meet the objectives listed above. Also include how NYSAF will be involved and how the project will be communicated to others.
- Describe how NYSAF will be connected to and credited for the project.
- Budget: Provide a complete budget including the overall project budget and how the requested funds will be spent. Also list any project cosponsors or copartners.

Funds

Jude Zicot Memorial Fund

Jude Zicot of Saugerties, NY was a Forester who was fatally wounded in November 2007 while conducting a timber stand improvement thinning in Delaware County. Jude leaves behind a wife, Jen, and three young children.

Through the efforts of a friend and colleague, the New York Society of American Foresters established a memorial fund to assist the family. Since the fund's inception in 2008, generous contributions from the forestry community including Woodwise LLC, the Watershed Agricultural Council, New York Tree Farm and many others, have raised nearly \$40,000 to support the Zicot family for years to come.

You can honor Jude's legacy by sending your check or money order to:

Zicot Fund

c/o Brian Bower

305 County Route 20

Cairo NY 12413

Please make check payable to "Zicot Fund".

SAF Bauer/Sand Scholarship Fund

The fund was established by the Society of American Foresters in honor of Curtis H. Bauer (ESF '50) and Robert M. Sand (ESF '50) - two dedicated leaders and longtime friends who served the forestry profession and NYSAF for their entire careers. The fund will assist Forestry majors at ESF with their academic related expenses.

Donations can be made by contacting the ESF Development Office at (315) 470-6683 or by visiting the ESF online giving portal at <http://www.esf.edu/development>.