



## Forage Seed / Seed Production Assistance Program Criteria

Objective: **To assist land owners in protecting marginal or erosion-prone areas by way of establishing a permanent forage cover.** The program will ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

### Eligibility and Conditions:

1. **Landowners must apply to the program before purchasing their seed.**
2. Project land must be within the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District (WIWCD).
3. Application must be made in the name of the **registered landowner**.  
Note: Only one application per landowner (and per farm) will be accepted. Jointly owned properties will be considered an application by both registered owners.
4. Crown land projects are eligible if the lease holder is eligible.
5. Landowners must be in good financial standing with the WIWCD.
6. Applicants are eligible to receive assistance every year.
7. Payment of **\$12.50 per acre** to a maximum of **40 acres** per eligible land owner.
8. **Applications will be accepted at the WIWCD office by Mail, Fax or E-mail.**

### The Land Owner Shall:

1. **Provide all receipts to the WIWCD Office in order to receive assistance.**
2. Be responsible for the purchase of their seed supplies.
3. **Sow seed on the land specified in the application in the year of delivery**, or report the circumstances to the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District
4. If for any reason the Applicant cannot start and complete the Project by the end of Fiscal Year (March 31), it is Applicant's responsibility to submit a letter with a request to withdraw the Application as soon as possible, but no later than January 31 of the current fiscal year, in order to be eligible to reapply for the following Fiscal Year. Failure to do so may result in Applicant's Application for this Programing to be denied in future years.
5. Not sell, trade, or exchange seed received under the program.
6. Not rip up during year of establishment without the consent of the WIWCD Board.
7. **Keep the forage in production for a minimum of 4 years, or refund 100% WIWCD cost or forfeit future participation.**
8. Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board and/or WIWCD staff at any reasonable time.
9. Consent to signage indicating the landowner's participation in the program and the right to publish the applicant's name.
10. Failure of landowner to meet Landowner Responsibilities may negate him/her from other Conservation District programs.

### The Conservation District Shall:

1. Not be held responsible for seed germination and/or quality of the forage stand
2. Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for tours or to inspect the condition of forage stands.
3. Will adjust reimbursement if landowner does not purchase the recommended rate of seed to establish the amount of acres applied for.
4. Retain the option to erect signage promoting the Forage Seed / Seed Production Assistance Program.



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