

West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

Due: 31 Jan 2025

We invite members of the West Virginia chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation and other interested parties to apply for grants up to a maximum of \$2,000 to support education, outreach and scholarly activities related to American chestnut in the State of West Virginia.

Purpose

Grants are available to assist individuals with active restoration projects in the State, outreach activities, as well as with their scholarly activities. Funding may be requested for supporting a range of ideas and projects, including but not limited to: chestnut demonstration plantings; signage for new or existing planting; travel and supplies for maintenance of existing plantings; educational outreach; research and scholarship related to chestnut restoration in West Virginia. Funding for completed work is not allowed unless the project has had prior approval by the WV chapter Board of Directors. Travel funds for conferences are not available unless you/your group will be representing the West Virginia Chapter.

Rules and Responsibilities

Recipients must be a current member in good standing with the West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation, WV-TACF (see tacf.org to join). Each recipient is expected to present a summary of the results of the funded project to the West Virginia Chapter at a chapter meeting within two years of the award. Publications, public and private presentations, and other products derived from work funded by the WV-TACF must include acknowledgment of the funding received from the Chapter. Information and products of the funded work are required to be freely disseminated by the American Chestnut Foundation unless protected by copyright.

Proposal Guidelines and submission

Proposal ideas should be discussed with the President of the West Virginia Chapter and/or members of the Board of Directors prior to submitting the written proposal. Proposals should be submitted electronically to WV board member, Dr. Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy (melissa.thomasvangundy@usda.gov) and include page 2 of this document (with completed information) as a cover. The proposal should be three pages maximum (including the cover page), single-spaced, in Times New Roman (minimum 12 pt), minimum 1" margins. Proposals over the page limit will not be considered.

Research Grant Guidelines:

- Brief project overview, including goals, expected impact and relevance to chestnut restoration
- Proposed activities and connections to project goals, including a project timeline
- Plans for dissemination (e.g., publications and presentations) and subsequent funding proposals (if applicable)

Attach a list of references cited, a line-item budget, evidence of cost-sharing (e.g., proposal, letter of award), and a description of special technology or infrastructure considerations (if applicable).

Education and Outreach Grant Guidelines

- Brief project overview, including goals, target audience and participants
- Proposed activities, including a project timeline and detailed budget (including shared costs)
- Plans for maintaining trees (if project involves tree planting)

Proposals will be evaluated by a subcommittee of the WV-TACF Board of Directors. Proposal reviewers will not necessarily be experts in any specific field, and therefore proposals should be written clearly for the educated layperson.

WV-TACF GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Deadline: 31 Jan 2025

Award announcement date: 01 March 2025

Submit electronically to: Dr. Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy (melissa.thomasvangundy@usda.gov)

Name(s):

E-mail(s):

Phone number(s):

Project Title:

Amount Requested:

Previous Grant Awardee? Yes No

Year of Last Award (N/A if not applicable) _____

Amount awarded (will be completed by subcommittee):