

## MINNESOTA NCR-SARE PROGRAM

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SARE's **vision** is an enduring American agriculture of the highest quality. This agriculture is profitable, protects the nation's land and water and is a force for a rewarding way of life for farmers and ranchers whose quality products and operations sustain their communities and society.

The Minnesota SARE program is funded by our North Central Region SARE office, and supports educator professional development and educations in sustainable agriculture practices and systems.

The Minnesota state coordinator works with an advisory committee to assess needs, then write and execute an annual state plan of work based on identified priorities.

For more information about programs or our Minnesota plan of work, contact Beth Nelson, [schre002@umn.edu](mailto:schre002@umn.edu), 612-625-8217, [www.sare.org/ncrsare](http://www.sare.org/ncrsare)

For information about Minnesota sustainable agriculture and a calendar of sustainable agriculture events, go to **[www.misa.umn.edu](http://www.misa.umn.edu)**

## MINNESOTA TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATORS

In addition to the Sustainable Agriculture Mini-Grant Program, Minnesota SARE offers travel scholarships for educators. This program supports Minnesota educator participation in conferences, tours, and other activities that enable them to develop programming to help farm families improve the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of their farming operations.

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## MINNESOTA NCR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE MINI-GRANT PROGRAM



Helping Minnesota educators get the latest information about sustainable agriculture practices and systems

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## THE PROGRAM

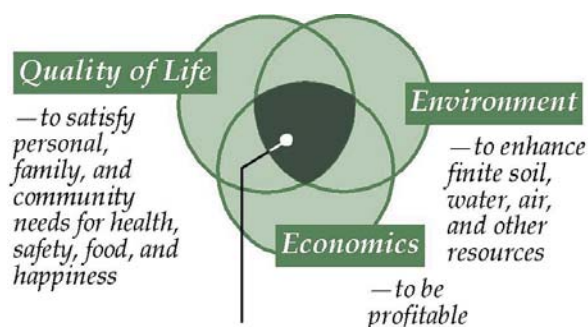
Mini-grant activities are meant to build educator expertise, develop new curriculum or programming, implement innovative educational approaches and create an opportunity for learning and skill development of the agricultural professional, ultimately leading to enhancing the sustainability (economic, environmental and social) of Minnesota agriculture and communities. Applicants are required to explain how any mini grant activities will contribute to their professional development and/or the professional development of other educators. Applicants are encouraged to work with stakeholders, including farmers and educators from the target audience, to develop their program.

Competitive grants of up to \$2,000.00 are available. A total of \$12,000 is available for 2008. Applications will be accepted as long as funding is available, with review of the first batch of applications to begin April 30, 2008. Applications will be reviewed by the Minnesota NCR-SARE Professional Development Advisory Committee and applicants notified of their funding recommendations within four weeks. Funds can be spent between May 31, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

Priority will be given to programs or projects that are multi-county or regional, and include stakeholders in the planning of the proposed program.

## WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE?

Sustainable agriculture seeks to balance three long-term goals:



In any given situation, the most sustainable choice is the one in which the net effects come closest to meeting all three goals.

## TO APPLY:

Complete the application form at: [www.misa.umn.edu/Application\\_Information.html](http://www.misa.umn.edu/Application_Information.html)

Proposals may be submitted at any time during the year and should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the proposed activity.

To apply, go to: [www.misa.umn.edu/Application\\_Information.html](http://www.misa.umn.edu/Application_Information.html) and complete the online application form.

Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis by a Minnesota SARE advisory committee. Funding recommendations will be based upon well defined educational outcomes, effective plan of action, potential benefit or outcome of the project, appropriateness of the budget, cooperation among producer groups, organizations, or agencies in planning and delivering the project, potential contribution to the profitability and/or stewardship of Minnesota producers.