

MINNESOTA NCR-SARE PROGRAM

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, 612-625-8217

For information about Minnesota sustainable agriculture and a calendar of sustainable agriculture events, go to www.misa.umn.edu

For national information, go to www.sare.org

Sustainable Agriculture Mini-Grant Program

In addition to the Minnesota Travel Scholarship Program, a Minnesota Mini-Grant Program supports activities that build educator expertise, develop new curriculum or programming, implement innovative educational approaches, and create an opportunity for educator learning and skill development.

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MINNESOTA NCR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

MINNESOTA TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATORS



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

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THE PROGRAM

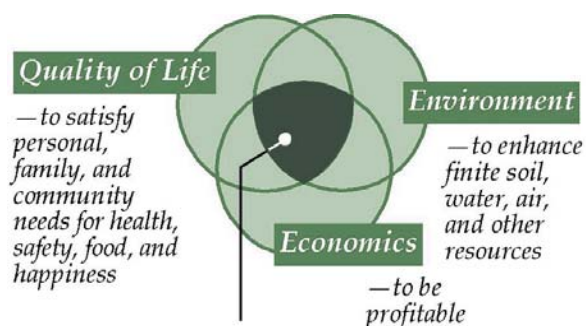
The travel scholarship program provides funds for Minnesota educators to get information they can use to develop programs that help farm families improve the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of their farming operations.

\$8,000 in travel scholarships will be awarded each year on a first come, first served basis. Scholarships of up to \$500 will be awarded.

Travel scholarships may be used to support participation in conferences, tours, and other programs as well as visits to study issues or programs with researchers, Extension agents, educational institutions, foundations, or farm families.

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)

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the proposed travel activity.

You will provide: a description of the proposed travel and what you hope to gain via this opportunity; your present knowledge level in the area; projected expenses; and how you plan to use the new information in your research or education programming to help clients improve the sustainability of their farming operations.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be required to complete a brief survey immediately following the event, indicating how new information will be used, and a six-month follow up survey.