

West Interlake Watershed Conservation District 2018 Forage Seed / Seed Production Assistance Program Application Form

Landowner Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Legal Description of Home Quarter: Qtr: _____ Sec: _____ Twp: _____ Rge: _____

Forage Information

Legal Description of Forage Location: Qtr: _____ Sec: _____ Twp: _____ Rge: _____

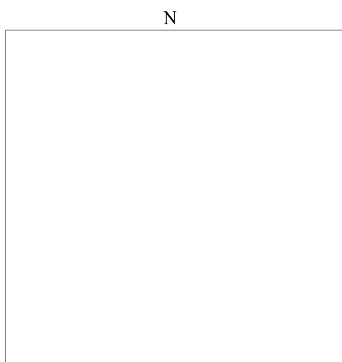
Type of Assistance Requested: Hay _____ Pasture _____ Production _____

Number of Acres Applied For: _____ (Maximum 40)

Previous Land use: Cropland: _____ Tame Hay/ Pasture: _____ Native Hay Pasture:
Forested: _____ Other (explain): _____

Reasons for Applying to Forage Seed / Seed Production Assistance Program (select all that apply):

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| _____ Increase hay/pasture acres | _____ Erosion control of land (identify below) |
| _____ Marginal land conversion | _____ Alongside creek/waterway |
| _____ Forage establishment in low-lying wet areas | _____ On light windblown soil |
| _____ Financial incentive/cost-saving | _____ Other (specify _____) |



Project Diagram: (area represents one 1/4 section). Show the proposed area of forage establishment and any landmarks, yardsites, roads, streams, treed areas, etc.

Important Program Information

The Forage Seed / Seed Production Program is a rebate program. **Landowners should apply to the program before purchasing their seed.** Applications will be approved on a first come – first serve basis. Applications will only be approved for forage seed purchased and seeded in 2018. Eligible landowners will be responsible for ordering and picking up their own seed. Once seeded, landowner will bring in their paid receipt(s) for forage seed to the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District office for payment. A payment of \$12.50 per acre to a maximum of \$500.00 (40 acres) will be paid to a landowner once CD staff has inspected the seeded land.

Please read all terms, conditions and responsibilities listed on the reverse side of this application form.

I hereby declare that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Forage Seed / Seed Production Assistance Program, and do hereby agree to abide by the said terms and conditions if my application is accepted.

Signature of Landowner _____ Date _____

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 should 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 land owner.**
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 by September 1, 2018 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. Not sell, trade, or exchange seed received under the program.
5. Not rip up during year of establishment without the consent of the WIWCD Board.
6. **Keep the forage in production for a minimum of 4 years, or replace at 100% WIWCD cost and/or forfeit future participation.**
7. Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board and/or WIWCD staff at any reasonable time.
8. Consent to signage indicating the landowner's participation in the program and the right to publish the applicant's name.
9. 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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