

**West Interlake Watershed Conservation District –
Sod Seeding Assistance Program Application Form**

Purpose: To provide a rebate to district residents on the rental of a sod seeder or the hiring of a qualified contractor to sod seed to improve and increase forage crops which will promote infiltration of water into the soil, improve filtration of surface runoff and reduce soil erosion.

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 50)

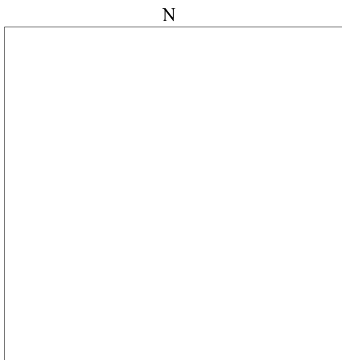
Previous Land use: Cropland: _____ Tame Hay/ Pasture: _____ Native Hay Pasture: _____

Forested: _____ Other (explain): _____

Reasons for Applying for Sod Seeding 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 Sod Seeding Program is a rebate program. **Landowners must apply to the program before renting a sod seeder or hiring a contractor to sod seed.** Eligible landowners will be responsible for renting the Sod Seeder or hiring a contractor who has the necessary equipment. Once seeded, the landowner is required to submit paid receipt(s) to the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District office for payment. A payment of \$10.00 per acre to a maximum of \$500.00 (50 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 Sod Seeding Assistance Program, and do hereby agree to abide by the said terms and conditions if my application is accepted.

Signature of Landowner _____ Date _____

Sod Seeding 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 renting a sod seeder, hiring a contractor or using own sod seeder to sod 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 if the application is signed 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, subject to Board approval and available funding.
7. Payment of **\$10.00 per acre** to a maximum of **50 acres** (\$500) per eligible applicant.
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 sod seeding equipment.
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 in writing.
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 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 refund 100% WIWCD cost or forfeit future participation in WIWCD programming.**
7. Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board and/or WIWCD staff at any reasonable time.
8. Consent to install 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. Retain the option to install signage promoting the Sod Seeding Assistance Program.



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