



Keystone Chapter

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SOIL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The Keystone Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is offering an exciting opportunity to further the goals of soil and water conservation through the promotion of healthy soils and regenerative agriculture. The Keystone Chapter offers **two \$500** mini-grants to assist with education & outreach programs. Eligible practices include but are not limited to: cover crops, no-till, rotational grazing, planting green, and integrated pest management. Funds can be used toward the establishment of demonstration plots, seed & material purchases, meeting expenses, and host farmer stipends. A field day to showcase results is a required component of this grant. If an agency or organization applies for the grant, a farmer partner must be involved in the project. If a farmer applies for the grant, at least one agricultural agency/organization must be involved.

When developing advertising & outreach materials for the event, we ask that you include our organization and logo as an event sponsor. We also ask that you notify us of the field day date so that we can inform our members about the event. Upon completion of the activity, applicants will complete a brief summary report using a template that will be provided.

The application submittal period begins on March 1 and closes on April 30 of each calendar year. Please email applications to lblazure@stroudcenter.org. **Successful grant applicants will be notified by June 1.**

Sincerely,
Keystone Chapter SWCS Outreach Committee

Lisa Blazure, Lamonte Garber, Sjoerd Duiker, Gary Smith



SOIL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM KEYSTONE SWCS MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

Application Options

1. An agency/organization may apply and must include a peer farmer.
2. A farmer may apply and must include an ag agency/organization.

Location/Contact Information

County:

Contact Person:

Address:

Contact Agency:

Phone:

Email:

(please list other cooperating agencies in the additional comments section)

For agency/organization applicant – What is the Peer farmer’s name:

For farmer applicant – Cooperating Agency Signatures

This grant will not be considered unless one of the following, not including the contact person’s affiliation, are involved in the activity; the Conservation District, Extension, RC&D Council, NRCS, Other. Additional credit will be given for additional partners.

Partner(s) Organization:

Partner(s) Signature:

What soil health education programs are most needed in your area? What are the soil health or water quality goals you wish to achieve with this project?

Do you have the land and equipment secured in order to establish the demonstration plot? Please explain the arrangements you have made, including the approx. size of plot(s)

How many people do you estimate will participate in your field day? (producers and agency).

What do you anticipate will be your main expenses that this grant money would be used for?

Any additional comments:

Please email application to lblazure@stroudcenter.org by April 30th.