

HEALING HARVEST FOREST FOUNDATION
Application for Biological Woodsman Training

WHO: The Healing Harvest Forest Foundation provides financial assistance to qualified candidates interested in training to become practitioners of improvement, restorative forestry, using animal-powered extraction of logs, and worst-first selective timber harvesting.

WHAT: Our training program includes Whole Forest Management Strategies, Chainsaw Safety, Special Forest Product Utilizations, Horsemanship, Farrier skills, Animal-powered Skidding, Log and Lumber Grading, GIS, Small Business Management, and Worst-first Selective Timber Harvesting Plans.

WHERE: The basic training is conducted in Floyd County, VA, followed by apprenticeships available in several states.

WHEN: Applications are accepted year-round. Basic instruction lasts two weeks; the following 10 weeks are spent in apprenticeships with experienced mentors.

HOW MUCH?

- Low cost housing and meals will be available to students.
- The Healing Harvest Forest Foundation will provide all the basic training and compensates the mentors who supervise the apprenticeships.
- Students will need to purchase their own safety gear for around \$200, and may supply their own chainsaw if desired.
- It is recommended that students maintain their own health insurance coverage.

STUDENTS RECEIVING STIPENDS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE APPRENTICESHIP AS PLANNED. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE 12 WEEK TRAINING WILL REQUIRE THAT THE STUDENT REPAY THE ENTIRE STIPEND. TRAINING MAY BE COMPLETED AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION IF AN EMERGENCY PREVENTS THE STUDENT FROM COMPLETING THEIR ORIGINAL TRAINING ASSIGNMENT.

Students assume responsibility for their own personal safety and property, as well as any medical expenses incurred during the training period. No one under age 18 may apply. Irresponsible or dangerous student behavior is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Candidates to receive stipends are approved by the Healing Harvest Forest Foundation Board of Directors. Applications presented to the Board are chosen by an unbiased Selection Committee based on the applicant's qualifications and desire to become a successful **Biological Woodsman**. Applications may be prioritized by region. All applicants must provide two references. HHFF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status or union affiliations.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Email _____

Home Address _____ Birthdate _____

_____ U.S. citizen? _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

REFERENCES (must give 2)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____ (night) _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____ (night) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Telephone _____ *Address* _____

Date of Birth _____ Educational level completed _____

Work Experience in Forestry, Timber Harvesting, or with Draft Animals:

Special Training, Licenses, or Certificates _____

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Why do you want to enroll in **Biological Woodsman** training?

Preferred training session: Spring_____ Fall_____ year_____

Would you like to request a stipend? NO _____ YES _____

If so, how much? \$ _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

I understand that neither the Healing Harvest Forest Foundation nor its Contractors assume liability for my personal safety or property, or for any medical expenses incurred by me during my training. I agree to conduct myself in a responsible manner during my training program, and understand that I may be dismissed from participation if I fail to do so, or if my behavior endangers others or myself. I further understand that any stipend paid to me must be repaid in full if I do not complete the entire training program. I authorize the Healing Harvest Forest Foundation to share the information on this application with the Selection Committee and my assigned mentor.

Applicant's signature and SSN

date