

## 2010 SSAWG Farmer Scholarship Information

Here is the information for this year's Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE) scholarship to help you attend the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Workers Group (SSAWG) conference, January 21-24, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN.

This year, the scholarship program is focusing on "mentor farmers." A mentor farmer is defined as a farmer leader. The mentor farmer may be a leader in a farmers market, farmer cooperative, livestock association or simply be a producer who tries innovative practices and hosts field days, trainings, etc. to teach others about what they have learned. The main idea is that the mentor farmer, who attends SSAWG, will take the information home and teach other producers. A good thing, in this year's program, is that there is no penalty for having been a previous scholarship recipient.

### **Budget Details PER SCHOLARSHIP:**

Conference Registration- \$130 (this is a discount for scholarship recipients)

Hotel- \$86.00/night + taxes (for January 21, 22, 23 ONLY)

Parking- must be arranged with the hotel.

Remember scholarships do not pay for meals (except for the banquet on Saturday night, included in conference registration), field trips or short courses.

AND, scholarship recipients must pay for their hotel rooms upfront and submit forms for reimbursement.

Link to conference website- <http://www.ssawg.org/>

**TO APPLY, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING (no application will be considered without ALL required information):**

**Full name**

**Social Security Number (Required by Federal government for background purposes. No information will be shared and SS#s will be deleted before your registration reaches SSAWG.)**

**Farm or organization name**

**Street address**

**City, TN, Zip**

**Phone**

**E-mail (a must or a way for Peg Hamlett to reliably contact you).**

**AND – A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOU ARE A "MENTOR FARMER" AND TWO (NON-FAMILY) EASY-TO-CONTACT (PREFERRABLY BY E-MAIL) REFERENCES ABOUT YOU BEING A MENTOR FARMER.**

**MOST IMPORTANT:** Submit your COMPLETE information to Peg Hamlett ([phamlett@utk.edu](mailto:phamlett@utk.edu)) by 5:00 pm, NOVEMBER 13, 2009. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive notice from Peg by 5:00 pm, NOVEMBER 17, 2009. Upon notification of award, you MUST confirm that you accept the scholarship and prove that you will definitely use it by making your hotel reservations and by providing Peg with your hotel confirmation number by November 20, 2009. If Peg doesn't hear from you by said date, then the scholarship will be offered to an alternate applicant. ALL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FINALIZED AND PROCESSED BY NOVEMBER 24, 2009.