

What will be expected of workshop participants?

Each participating teacher will be responsible for developing a curriculum unit that meets Montana's educational standards and grade level expectations. Curriculum units must be based on real-world learning experiences within their local communities. Each team of teachers will develop a service-learning project that brings the school and the community together, where teachers and students learn about local forestry issues and become involved in a viable community-based project.

Teachers will receive \$100 in resource money to support your teaching and an opportunity to apply for a \$200 mini-grant for your classroom.

Name: _____

School: _____

Position: _____

Teammates applying: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Public/private forest land available to you:

About your teaching and professional development goals:

Please answer the following questions and submit with your application:

1. How have you incorporated ecological studies and/or place-based education into your teaching in the past?
2. Please describe how participating in A Forest for Every Classroom will support your professional goals. Please mention personal or professional experiences that relate to this program.
3. Do you have any experience with service learning and in what ways do you presently use your natural and human community for your teaching?

Application Form

- **Teams of two or more are encouraged to apply. Individuals are also welcome.**
- **The program is open to teachers of all grades.**

You should be willing to:

- Come with the strong support of your administrator—**PLEASE PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION**
- Participate in **ALL** workshops and summer sessions
- Develop a forest-based teaching unit which utilizes local landscape and meets the goals of your school action plan and the grade level expectations, exemplifying the best practices of Place-Based Education.
- Include service learning in your students' experience.
- Provide written documentation of your curriculum for possible inclusion in a model program to be disseminated nationally.
- Submit a reflection piece upon completion of this program, possibly including reflection on implementation of your unit as time allows.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/>
click on A Forest for Every Classroom

Return your completed application by March 6, 2009. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR ADMINISTRATOR'S LETTER OF SUPPORT.

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