

Newfoundland & Labrador CAP Funding to Attend AgEx Conference Application Guide

Instructions

The following information has been compiled to help farmers fill out the Newfoundland and Labrador Agriculture Business Program Application to attend the Agricultural Excellence Conference taking place December 2-4, 2019 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Agriculture Business Program Guide (Pages 20-21):

https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/programs/pdf/CAP_NL_Program_Guide.pdf

Application Checklist:

https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/programs/pdf/CAPChecklist1.1Ag_Bus_Program_App.pdf

Application

Please use this information to facilitate filling in your Agriculture Business Program Application. Application available here:

https://www.faa.gov.nl.ca/programs/pdf/CAP1.1_Agriculture_business_development.pdf

Funding

Funding is available to help with costs for travel and exchange opportunities or for eligible applicants to attend agricultural conferences or workshops outside Newfoundland and Labrador including airfare, ground transportation within and outside the province, meals, and hotel accommodations.

Project Information

Agriculture Business Program Category: Knowledge Transfer and Skills Development

Name of event: 2019 Agriculture Excellence Conference

Dates the proposed training will occur: December 2- 4 2019

Location of proposed training: Fredericton, New Brunswick

Some challenges, issues and/or opportunities that may be address by attending the conference, could include:

- Improve farm profitability
- Enhance environmentally-responsible production
- Increase new market opportunities
- Improve overall business acumen and entrepreneurial confidence
- Improve decision-making towards better risk management and increased profitability
- Develop leadership skills to better manage my farm team
- Receive coaching on how to better manage my family farm operation
- Improve farm transition planning
- Improve farm and rural mental health
- Learn how to effectively use peer groups to improve my business management practices
- Hear from other producers about strategies to integrate economic, environmental, and social sustainability
- Investigate emerging markets and technologies

- Improve standard operating procedures (SOPs) to run operation more efficiently and with less conflict

Please provide details on your managerial ability and agriculture or business experience:

- Fill out for your own farm situation

Please comment on the benefit the project will have on your operation and the Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture, agri-foods and agri-products sector:

- I will gain valuable business management knowledge through Conference speakers, and also gain an understanding of agriculture across Canada by connecting with delegates from coast to coast to exchange ideas and best practices.
- Farmers who invest in business practices can increase profit by up to 575%.
- The business management training received at the AgEx Conference will result in:
 - Increased adoption of beneficial management practices including business planning and succession planning to establish a solid foundation for sustainable business growth
 - Increased confidence in driving farm business communications with the farm team, family and professionals
 - Increased confidence in making informed decisions
 - Increased appreciation for the necessary balance between economics, environment and social sustainability
 - Increased ability to assess vulnerabilities and opportunities to incorporate environmental, economic, and social sustainability
 - Increased ability to assess capacity to adopt new technologies, innovative practices or embrace market opportunities and, do so strategically.
 - Greater awareness attached to seeking assistance for health and wellness, including mental health
 - Greater awareness of agricultural practices in other regions of Canada and the world
 - Increased awareness of the tools and resources available to support the adoption of beneficial management practices
 - Increased peer and professional networks to draw on for advice, expertise and guidance in managing the farm business

Travel Costs (meals, mileage and incidentals are paid at Provincial Treasury Board rates)

Itemize estimated costs as they apply to your project (excluding HST).

Airfare	From St. John's to Fredericton: \$800 From Gander to Fredericton: \$1100
Accommodations	\$133/night for 2 nights = \$310
Meals	Breakfast \$8.00 Lunch \$14.00 Dinner: \$21.70

	Meals are provided with conference registration so you only need to claim meals for travel time, likely \$65.40
Ground Transportation	
Car Rental	
Fuel for Rental	
Mileage (for use of personal vehicle)	
Taxi Fare	\$50 Checker Cab is now operating a shuttle to the Delta Fredericton, Hilton Garden Inn, and Crowne Plaza hotels, as well as the core downtown area. Contact Checker Cab at 506-450-8294 or see the commissionaire in arrivals for details on fares, where to board, and when.
Ferry/Bridge/Highway Tolls	
Registration Costs	\$525 + \$78.75 HST = \$603.75

Submission

All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to:

Attn: Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program

Department of Fisheries and Land Resources

Agriculture Business Development Division

P.O. Box 2006

Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J8

Fax: 709-637-2589

Email: CAP@gov.nl.ca

Questions?

Consult the Newfoundland and Labrador website at www.gov.nl.ca/flr or by phone at 709-637-2077 or by email at CAP@gov.nl.ca.

Note: Newfoundland and Labrador farmers may be eligible for funding to attend Agricultural Excellence in Fredericton. Use of this document to guide you through the process does not guarantee funding.