



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS NEW TEACHER CONFERENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

The Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) is a professional organization for high school and technical college instructors who teach agricultural curriculum. The organization provides educators with professional development and networking opportunities.

2017 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (PDC)

The WAAE Professional Development Conference (PDC) is June 25-29, 2017, at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. The Conference includes a diverse selection of professional development sessions, networking opportunities with members and time to celebrate the agricultural education profession.

NEW TEACHER PROGRAM AT PDC: Sunday, June, 25, 12-5 p.m.

The New Teacher Program is designed for those who are just starting their teaching career, new to teaching agricultural education and/or new to teaching in Wisconsin. You'll also receive new teacher resources and get a first glimpse at what lies ahead in the wonderful career of agricultural education

PAYING FOR THE CONFERENCE

There are several ways to cover the Conference registration fees:

- Make an investment in yourself with your own funds
- If you've been hired, check with your school district to see if funds have been designated for professional conferences or if there are Carl Perkins funds for conferences
- Apply for a Beginning Teacher Scholarship! There are funds available if you haven't been hired by a district or if your district does not have funds available for you to attend the conference. The scholarship covers the registration fee.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE BEGINNING TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

- Fill out the online application at www.waae.com/pages/PDC-Scholarship by June 1
- Questions? Contact Jamie Propson, New Teacher and Mentoring Committee Chair, at jpropson@mishicot.k12.wi.us, or Nicole Nelson, WAAE Executive Director, at nicole@waae.com

HELPFUL HINTS: ATTENDING YOUR FIRST CONFERENCE

What should I wear?? The conference is professional dress every day during the day. There are activities where you may want to bring casual dress. such as the picnic, bowling or golf, and any night life you may participate in.

What to know about sessions: Some sessions have fees and some may require you to bring things with. Read the descriptions carefully!!!

Professional conduct: Remember you are a budding professional. As you network with sponsors, presenters, and peers keep in mind we want to be representing our profession well.

Exhibitors: There will be exhibitors to show you the latest and greatest tools and fundraisers. Come with questions to ask them. Some also have items for sale. May want to bring some cash.

Mentors: You will be paired with a mentor to help you through your first year as a teacher. The first year can be very overwhelming. Your mentor is there to answer questions and guide you, or to even be a person to vent to.