

**Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®)  
North Carolina State Implementation Committee (SIC)**

# **Guidelines for Grant Applicants**

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Greetings and thank you for your interest in the North Carolina State Implementation Committee's (SIC) grant program. The North Carolina SIC collaboratively promotes and facilitates sustainable forest management by example and by providing guidance, assistance and education – including grants – to forest industry professionals, private forest owners, educators and others supporting the SFI's principles. For information on the national SFI program, see: [www.SFIprogram.org](http://www.SFIprogram.org). For information on the North Carolina SIC, see <http://www.ncsfi.org/>.

These procedures are in effect for grants to be awarded in 2012 and used in calendar year 2013. Grant amounts range between \$500 and \$20,000.

These guidelines are intended to be a resource to explain the new procedures. Included with these guidelines is the application form. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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## **Grant Categories**

The North Carolina SIC awards grants annually through a competitive process. Grants are available to fund SIC compatible activities in four categories:

1. **Landowner Outreach** – For programs that encourage or support sustainable forest management by private, non-industrial forest owners and managers consistent with SIC principles. The objective is to increase the amount of well managed and certified acres in North Carolina

2. **Forest Professionals Education and Training** – For programs that provide, directly or indirectly, education and training for forestry professionals (e.g., loggers, wood transporters, foresters, technicians) in areas consistent with SIC principles such as sustainable forestry, best management practices, safety, and other topics identified in the SFI Standard. The objective is to increase the knowledge of forestry practitioners to implement sustainable practices on all forestlands in North Carolina
  
3. **Public Outreach** – For programs that support forestry education (whether in the classroom or elsewhere, whether formal or non-traditional) or other public outreach activities, which promote sustainable forestry awareness and practices, consistent with SIC principles. The objective is to increase and improve SFI recognition in North Carolina
  
4. **Market Outreach/Recruitment** – For programs that increase and improve SFI recognition, and increase the number of third party certified organizations in the NC SIC

#### **Important Dates for 2013 Grants**

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| July 2   | Due date for submission of written applications for grants to be distributed during 2013. Applicants must use the North Carolina SIC application form. Electronic Submissions must be sent by 11:59 p.m., July 2. Submissions by U.S. Postal Service must be postmarked no later than July 2. Submissions hand delivered or sent by courier (FedEx, UPS, etc.) must arrive at the SIC office by 5:00 p.m., July 2. Contact information appears on the first page of the Application form. |
| July 16  | Date when applicants are notified whether (a) they are invited to make an in-person presentation to the Grant Screening Subcommittee, or (b) their application is no longer being considered.   |
| August 1 | Date for in-person presentations to the Grant Screening Subcommittee by invited applicants. Each invited applicant will have a scheduled appointment time.<br>NOTE:<br>Potential scheduling conflicts will be addressed by the Grant Screening Subcommittee. Appointments on alternate days may be possible if circumstances make it impossible for an applicant to appear, but cannot be guaranteed.   |
| August 8 | Date when SIC dues payers meet in closed session during a regular SIC meeting for final grant decision making and publicly identify grant recipients for the following year and the monies to be awarded to each.   |

### **Amount of Funds Available for Grants**

The North Carolina SIC strives to carry forward, from one calendar year to the next, only the minimum amount of financial resources needed to avoid cash flow problems at the start of a new year. Thus on the date applications are due (July 2), it is not possible to provide grant applicants with a guaranteed amount of dollars which will be distributed the following year, either in total, or in each of the three categories, because the next year's budget is still in development.

### **Applications for 2013 Grants**

Please use the **North Carolina SIC Grant Application for Calendar Year 2013** to apply. Applicants are welcome to attach additional written pages to an application in order to provide complete answers to the questions.

### **Source of Funds**

Funds for grant making are provided by forestry firms participating in the SIC program which either own timberlands, and/or acquire all, or a portion, of their wood needs from public and private forests in North Carolina for their manufacturing facilities.

Each year the North Carolina SIC establishes a dues structure based on a formula in order to raise the funds to be awarded as grants and for operating expenses. Firms that own forest lands pay a set fee per acre. For manufacturing firms, these annual dues are calculated by multiplying the amount of wood from North Carolina each used in the preceding calendar year (green tons) times a monetary factor. (Simple example: 25,000 tons x \$0.008 = \$200.00.) . Firms pay the larger of the two calculations. The North Carolina SIC has no other budgetary sources.

Funds in recent years have been provided by these companies.

Campbell Group  
Domtar Paper Company LLC  
Louisiana-Pacific Corp.  
FIA  
Enviva Pellets  
Lampe & Malphrus Lumber Co.

RockTenn  
Hancock Forest Management  
J.W. Jones Lumber Co.  
Jordan Timberlands Inc.  
H.W. Culp Lumber Co.  
Weyerhaeuser Co.  
Blue Ridge Paper Co.

Abitbi-Bowater, Inc  
KapStone Paper  
New South Lumber Co.  
Georgia Pacific  
Edwards Lumber Co.  
International Paper Co.