



North Platte/Lincoln County Visitors Bureau 2018 Plains Safaris Scholarship Program

The purpose of the 2018 Nebraska Plains Safaris Scholarship program is to award up to three (3) scholarships not to exceed \$300 each to help defray the costs associated with attending **Plains Safaris, the combined Nebraska Tourism Commission Agri/Eco Tourism Conference, the Center for Great Plains Studies Great Plains Symposium and the Heartland Byways Conference**. This one-time combined conference offers an unparalleled educational opportunity. The scholarship is open to any Lincoln County for-profit or non-profit tourism entity. Please note the scholarship is a stipend and not intended to cover all costs associated with the conference.

1. Registering for the conference and paying the registration fee will be the responsibility of the person attending the conference. The 2018 Plains Safaris conference is April 18 - 20 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska. Register online at: <https://www.unl.edu/plains/2018-ecotourism-symposium>. \$100 early-bird registration is available until March 1.
2. Return this form letter and a maximum of three typed pages of information with answers to the following:
 - Statement of financial need.
 - Number of years that you have attended the Nebraska Agri/Eco-Tourism Workshop.
 - Statement explaining your existing or future tourism organization/business.
 - How will attending the Plains Safaris conference benefit you and/or your organization/business?
3. Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, March 1, 2018.
4. Reimbursable expenses are limited to the following:
 - Plains Safaris registration
 - Lodging, not to exceed two nights
 - Meals
 - Mileage to and from conference

Meals will not be reimbursed if those meals are included in the conference registration fee. Itemized receipts must be included for meals and lodging. Alcohol, long-distance phone calls, movie rentals and other additional expenses associated with meals and lodging is not reimbursable. Scholarship winners are responsible for securing their own accommodation from the room block reserved for the event. Details are on the event website listed above.

Name _____

Organization/business _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

If I receive a scholarship for the Plains Safaris conference, I will turn in all itemized receipts for reimbursement by April 30, 2018. I will provide a written summary to the North Platte/Lincoln County Visitors Bureau detailing what I learned at the workshop and how my tourism organization/business will benefit.

Signed: _____ Print name: _____

Send this signed cover sheet and supporting information to
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