

CFOT 2023 Scholarship Application

About CFOT: Since February of 1995, WORC has raised compost facility operator technical knowledge and sound operating techniques, through the annual Compost Facility Operator Training. The training is four full days at the Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center and one day touring compost facilities. The current curriculum consists of classroom training, hands-on interactive sessions, field trips, and a written examination. Topics covered include:

- Compost Use in Agriculture and Horticulture
- Biology of the Compost Pile
- Feedstocks
- Feedstock Recovery and Preparation
- Regulations
- Odor Management and Response
- Sampling and Testing
- Compost Quality
- Compost Facility Management

This year's training will be held in-person at WSU Puyallup from October 16 – October 20, 2023.

Each year, scholarships are awarded to 2-3 applicants who show an outstanding interest in organic materials management and potential contributions to the industry. The scholarship, if awarded, covers the cost of the 5-day training including group transport to and from compost facilities on tour day, and the food provided over the course of the training day (\$1,500). The scholarship does not cover other expenses including costs of other transportation or accommodation.

If you would like to be considered for this years' CFOT scholarship, please complete the form on the next page and submit it to WORC President Kate Kurtz (kate.kurtz@seattle.gov) and WORC Vice President Liv Johansson (liv.johansson@zoo.org) by June 30, 2023.

If you have any questions about this application, please reach out to natasha@aminc.org.

Thank you!

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant School, Organization, or Employer (if applicable): _____

Please describe your personal and/or work experience with composting:

Please describe why you are interested in attending this year's CFOT:

Terms and conditions:

- I acknowledge that the scholarship, if awarded, does not cover the costs of transportation, lodging, or meals outside of the CFOT training schedule.
- I acknowledge that I am over 18.
- I agree to attend all 5 days of training and complete the exam at the end.

Applicant's name (please print): _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____