

## Fur Takers of America Grant Program, version 2-20-14

1. Goal: Program is designed to support, promote and help chapters and affiliates produce, conduct or otherwise promote the trapping industry with the help of the Fur Takers of America family. To this extent, eligible activities would include but are not limited to Trapper's Education and General Promotion of the Trapping Industry.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this program is to aid organizations within the FTA family in fostering educational programs, support and encouragement of local training events, and the development of new programs and events.

a. The grant program is primarily designed to help with new programs and improvements to existing programs. The maintenance and routine operating expenses of ongoing programs would not be a proper use of this grant program.

b. Organized programs, providing support for presentations at professional conferences, support for educational opportunities for individuals whom would be expected to further the cause and purposes of FTA mission and goals.

c. Any and all projects, activities, and programs that would be expected to further the mission and purposes of the FTA in supporting, promoting or otherwise improve the trapping industry for the benefits of any and all trappers.

3. Funding: The program has been funded initially by the Governing Board and may be funded annually as needed or desired by the Governing Board. Contributions and donations specific to this program may also be accepted and would remain allocated to this purpose. The Governing Board funded the program with \$5000.00 As of January 1<sup>st.</sup>, 2014

4. Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Applicants may request funding, materials, or any combination of both. Proactive and Educational Committee shall act jointly as the approval authority. Applications shall be evaluated and considered by all members of these two committees. Majority vote by all members of both committees will be required for action. Applications shall be evaluated periodically as needed not more than 60 days from submission and response to application not more than 90 days from submission. Committee may reject,

disapprove, request more information and re-evaluate and may approve partially or fully. Committee can only approve amounts up to or less than the program is funded.

5. Evaluation of request:

a. Active Chapter or Affiliate of Fur Takers of America will submit all applications. Does not need to be for a program put on by the chapter or affiliate; however, the request must be made and officially be sponsored by a chapter or affiliate. (i.e. the Nebraska chapter would like to sponsor an educator to attend a conference to promote trapping to other educators. NE Chapter submits application to FTA Grant Committee, and the grant is evaluated.)

b. Priority and preference may be given to applications for projects that:

(1) Improvement of an existing education program,

(2) Educational opportunities that are targeted to both youth and adult first- time trappers,

(3) and those that offer a hands-on environment.

c. Programs, events, and opportunities should describe proposed recognition of The Fur Takers of America in printed handouts, flyers, or education materials.

6. Conditions of grants:

a. Funds, materials, and support must contribute to a positive image for, and promotion of, the fur industry, Fur Takers of America, and trapping in general.

b. Recipients of Funds, materials, and support must give recognition to Fur Takers of America in printed, multi media, and other materials, if available.

c. Recipients of Funds, materials, and support must provide follow-up report on successes and/or failures of programs funded by the grant.

d. Recipients of Funds, materials, and support must agree to allow the FTA to promote, discuss and write about the program, events or functions funded by the grant.

## APPLICATION

Please answer or describe the following on a separate sheet of plain paper. May be formatted electronically and submitted VIA email.

Name of Sponsoring Organization: (must be an active organization affiliated with the FTA as an affiliate or chapter)

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Point of Contact for inquiries and request for more information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Program or grant request short title:

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Describe how this program or activity will support, promote or enhance the promotion of the fur harvesting industry, the Fur Takers of America, or just tell us why it is so great!

If this request is to enhance an existing program please describe the current program and how this grant will improve the program:

If this grant is to help fund a professional (person) to attend or participate in a program or event that will benefit the industry down the road, tell us about it:

Feel free to attach any additional comments, information or things the committee should consider while evaluating this application.

**State exactly what is being requested.** We will use this wording to vote on the grant application. The committee members will see the complete application, however when it comes to voting on approval we will need to form the application into a specific request or motion. Think of the words below as the motion.

State is a specific way what exactly you would like the committee to approve:

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\*\*\*Remember the funding is limited each year and the FTA will do all it can to help with all requests. Please do not get discouraged if we are not able to help at this time. Thank you for putting in the effort to improve the industry.