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*Society of Municipal Arborist*

*Arborist Exchange Program Application*

This program is a members-only opportunity. Applications due May 30 and November 30

The application must be filled out online utilizing the online form on SMA’s website – accessed after you login as a member. This document is provided to assist you in pre-answering the questions. It is suggested that you fill out the application here and paste your answers into the online form.

*Questions? Email Leslie Berckes, SMA Executive Director at smaexecdirector@gmail.com.*

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**Contact Information (auto fills based on your membership profile)**

**Name:**

**Work Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Organization:**

**Title**:

**How did you hear about the Arborist Exchange Program?**

**What languages do you speak?**

**Select any/all professional organization affiliations:**

* Alliance for Community Trees
* Utility Arborist Association
* International Society of Arboriculture - international and/or local chapter
Which chapter(s)?
* Other

**How long have you been employed in your current position?**

**How long have you been in your profession?**

**Briefly describe your job duties.**

**Please provide your educational background or training.**

**Would you prefer a local or long-distance exchange?**

**Are you applying jointly with another urban forestry professional in a different city? If yes, please tell us more.**

**Program Information (Please answer as appropriate / applicable):**

**What is the population of your city or town**

**How many full-time employees work for your city forestry program?**

**Seasonal employees?**

**What is your annual forestry budget?**

**Do you use private contractors to perform any work?**

**Do you have a written tree management plan? If so, when was it completed?**

**Do you have a tree ordinance? Any concerns with your tree ordinance?**

**Do you have a citizen tree committee or tree board? Any concerns with this group? Any highlights?**

**Does your program utilize volunteers? If so, please tell us more about your work with volunteers.**

**Have you conducted a street tree inventory? (If no, skip to next question)**

**a. If yes, is it maintained on a computer database?**

**b. What is your approximate tree population?**

**c. What are your ten most common street or park trees? (Use scientific names.)**

**Approximately how many trees do you plant annually?**

**Do you prune your trees? If so, do you have you a regular pruning cycle? How long is the cycle?**

**Briefly describe any serious pest or disease problems your trees may have**

**Utilities:**

*Questions will only apply to those who work in the utility arboriculture industry. Please answer to the best of your knowledge.*

**How many customers does your utility serve?**

**How many line miles run through urban public, urban private, and public park lands?**

**Are there collaborations or maintenance agreements of any kind between utility vegetation maintenance and an urban forestry department?**

**Does your utility’s outreach participate in ordinance development and updating within its operating regions?**

**Nonprofits:**

*Questions will only apply to those who work in the non-profit sector. Please answer to the best of your knowledge.*

**What is your organization’s mission statement?**

**How many volunteers are involved in your organization?**

**How many paid staff work for your organization?**

**What type of programs or services does your organization provide to your community?**

**Further Information:**

*The following questions should be answered in 3,000 characters or less (approximately 500 words).*

**What are the unique physical features of your urban forest, city environment, and/or community? (ex. parks or park system, greenbelt, climate, river or waterfront, historic areas, industrial, etc.)**

**Describe how your program / organization is unique. What efforts are you most proud of? What would you most like to share with other urban foresters?**

**Describe your program’s greatest needs and challenges. What would you like to learn from other urban foresters? How could this exchange program benefit you or your city?**