



2026 Municipal Forestry Institute Application

Jekyll Island, Georgia | February 22-27, 2026

Thank you for your interest in the Municipal Forestry Institute! Please fill out the application form below. You will be able to save this application and come back to it at a later date.

Want to work to see the applicaiton and questions before submitting? Head over to www.ucfsociety.org/mfi2026 and scroll to the bottom of the page to find a PDF.

Applications are due September 19, 2025.

If you have questions or need clarification on parts of the application, or MFI in general, please email knagy@ucfsociety.org.

Registration Details

First Name *

Last Name *

Preferred Pronouns *

Work Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

Employer/Organization Name *

City *

State/Province *

Zip *

Country *

Title *

Phone Number *

Country Code

Area Code

Phone Number

Email *

Tell us about yourself

What is your age? *

19-23

24-30

31-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70+

Where do you work? *

Municipality

State government

Non-profit
Private company
Academic institution
Self-employed/Contractor
I am a student
Other

How do you describe yourself? (Choose all that apply)

American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian
Black or African American
Latinx
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White
Other

Do you identify as LGBTQIA+?

Yes
No

Are you an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist? *

Yes
No

Are you an ISA Certified Urban Forest Professional (formerly ISA Municipal Specialist)? *

Yes
No

Are you a Society of American Foresters (SAF) Certified Urban & Community Forester? *

Yes
No

What is your current urban forestry position? *

What previous urban forestry positions, if any, have you held?

Tell us about your work

Thinking about your primary urban forestry program, what is the population of people served? For example: the population of your city, the number of people served by your non-profit organization, etc. Write N/A if this is not applicable. *

What is your annual urban forestry program budget? *

- Less than \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$100,000
- \$100,000 to \$250,000
- \$250,000 to \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000
- Greater than \$3,000,000
- I don't know
- Not applicable

How many people work in your urban forestry program? This could include staff on your city forestry crew, your non-profit, etc.

How many people do you supervise? *

- Zero
- 1 to 5
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 20
- 21 to 50
- More than 50

Tell us about your professional development

If you'd like support as you answer the following questions, let us know. We have mentors who would be happy to review your answers and provide feedback! Reach out to Karla at the email address above.

In the text box below, please tell us about yourself - what motivates you and what challenges you in your work.

Think beyond the technical side (like tree inventories or sourcing trees) and instead describe the personal and professional growth you are seeking from a leadership training program.

The best answers will help us better understand your daily challenges and triumphs, highlight some of the key projects you're working on, will describe your history in urban and community forestry, and allow us to understand your hopes for growing as a professional in urban and community forestry.

Please provide your answer here. *

750 word limit0/750

Please tell us why you want to attend MFI and what do you hope to get out of the Institute. How can MFI help you realize your hopes for growing in our profession? *

500 word limit0/500

MFI Action Plan

In our work, big ideas or challenges that need to be addressed often take second place to daily emergencies or the latest thing that lands in the inbox. At MFI, you will develop a personal MFI Action Plan to delve into and start that one big thing you've been wanting to work on.

Accepted applicants will be asked to bring a challenge or opportunity that will be developed into an MFI Action Plan. Throughout the Institute, attendees will develop a customized plan that can be implemented when they get back to their respective urban forest.

In the spaces below, please share with us a little more about your potential challenge or opportunity. Don't worry, this can be changed before, or even during, MFI.

What are 1-3 opportunities or things that are going really well in your urban forestry position? *

What are 1-3 concerns or challenges you face in your urban forestry position? *

Consider what challenge or opportunity you want to develop into an actionable plan. Think big and visionary, but realistic. In a brief summary, describe the big idea you would bring to MFI to develop into an Action Plan? *

500 word limit0/500

Please select a category that best fits your potential Challenge or Opportunity Action Plan. *

- Manage a specific problem, issue or opportunity on your team
- Develop a new program or system or improve an existing program or system
- Engage with stakeholders or a specific community
- Gain experience in a specific topic
- Gain professional advancement or achievement
- Unknown at this time

Last Steps

How did you find out about the Municipal Forestry Institute?

Please list any special needs or accommodations you need at MFI, including dietary restrictions, physical accommodations, learning assistance, etc.

A limited number of scholarships are available - typically available based on financial need. Please

indicate if you'd benefit from a scholarship. Note that only a limited number are available and not everyone who requests will receive a scholarship.

Yes, I would need a scholarship in order to attend

A partial scholarship would help me to attend

No, I am not in need of a scholarship

Any final comments?

Important Note

Please be aware that you will be required to attend the Municipal Forestry Institute for the entire week from February 22-February 27, 2026.

Payment is expected within four weeks of acceptance - UCFS will invoice you - unless other arrangements have been made. You may pay by credit card or check. If your payment is not received within this time, UCFS may put your name on a waitlist and offer your seat to another applicant.

Please DO NOT make your travel arrangements until you have received an approval notification accepting you into the Institute. You will be notified via email about your acceptance, waitlist, or deferred status. Notification will be given around November 14, 2025. Participants are responsible for their own airfare.