



Minnesota Logger Education Program Application & Membership Requirements

For Logging Business Owners associated with Less than 1,000 cords of annual wood production

Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in the Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP). If you are a Logging Business Owner associated with Less than 1,000 cords of annual wood production, please follow the steps listed below which are required to attain membership status.

1. Complete and return the attached **MLEP Application Form**. You may make a copy of the completed form for your personal record.
2. Two copies of the **Code of Ethics** for MLEP Logging Professionals are included in this packet. Sign one of the copies and return it with the completed application form. The second copy is for your personal records.
3. Submit **Certification of Business Requirements** as outlined on the MLEP application form. If you have any questions or would like to receive assistance regarding certification of business requirements, please contact MLEP.
4. First-year applicants are required to attend **Two Days of Training**:
1) Online Forest Management Guideline Training and 2) LogSafe Training (CPR/1st Aid).
Information regarding training dates and locations will be provided as it becomes available.

Annual membership **renewal** requires attendance of two days of training each year:

- 1) LogSafe Training, 2) One 6 hr MLEP workshop each year.

For more information, assistance or additional application packets, please call (218) 879-5633.

MINNESOTA LOGGER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Applicants to MLEP will be considered provisional members until requirements listed below have been completed. Those applicants who satisfy provisional program requirements will achieve full membership status and will be entitled to program benefits. Those applicants who do not satisfy program requirements by December 31st after application date will be dismissed from the program.

Program members will be required, on an annual basis, to apply for membership renewal and complete requirements necessary to maintain membership status. Program members who do not complete annual renewal requirements will have allowed their membership to lapse and must reapply to the program as a first-year applicant.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

1. Attendance at classes as determined by the MLEP Board of Directors.
2. Certification of all legal requirements listed below necessary to operate a logging business.
3. Verification of timber harvesting equipment ownership.
4. Signing of the program Code of Ethics and returning it with the completed program application.
5. Payment of annual membership application fees as outlined on the front side of this application.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Minnesota Logger Education Program requires the following of a business owner and one person per crew actively responsible for the logging site:

First Year Training Requirements

Provisional members and first-year applicants are required to attend training addressing Minnesota's Forest Management Guidelines (BMPs), first-aid and CPR.

Guideline Training: 6 equivalent hours of training on Minnesota's Forest Management Guidelines (Online Only - information will be sent after membership application is received)

Safety Training: 8 hours of first-aid and CPR training is required (LogSafe)

Annual Training Requirements

To maintain MLEP membership, a business owner and one person per crew actively responsible for the logging site must attend:

Safety Training - Twelve (12) hours of safety training every two years to include:

- Eight (8) hours of CPR/First Aid training (4 hrs. CPR and 4 hrs. of First Aid)
- Four (4) hours of Safety Training (OSHA)

Continuing Education - (6) hours of MLEP training every year through workshops on any accepted continuing education topic.

MLEP members must complete a minimum of 6 hours of MLEP and LogSafe training each year. Logging employees (in-woods) are required to attend at least 4 hours of safety training each year and complete CPR/ First-Aid training every two years.

At a minimum, SFI requires that "Each crew must include a qualified professional who 1) Has completed the SFI training program; 2) Is the owner of, employee of or contractor for the wood produced; and 3) Has direct responsibility and is onsite regularly to carry out the roles and responsibilities of the qualified logging professional (e.g. safety, protection of soils, streams and other waterbodies).

CERTIFICATION OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The following legal requirements will be documented through the initial membership application process and re-verified each year during the membership renewal process or as determined by the Board of Directors. Please include the following legal requirement verification items with your application:

1. Your certification that your company is in compliance with Federal and State Tax Identification Numbers and applicable laws.
2. Your certification that your company is in compliance with Workers Compensation Insurance requirements (if applicable).
3. Your certification that your company is in compliance with Unemployment Insurance requirements (if applicable).
4. Your certification that your company has an active workplace accident and injury reduction (AWAIR) policy, that is available to employees (if applicable).
5. Your certification that your company has an active substance abuse policy, that is available to employees (if applicable).
6. Your certification that your company participates in the drug and alcohol testing requirements or a program for truck drivers (if applicable).

For information regarding program service or to receive assistance with this application, contact:

Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP)

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Cloquet, Minnesota 55720

Phone- (218) 879-5633

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MLEP is a voluntary non-regulatory continuing education program for logging business owners.



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Membership Application Form

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Individuals who are eligible for membership as MLEP Logging Professionals are owners of logging businesses. A logging business is a sole-proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that: 1) purchases stumpage and/or is an independent contract logger, 2) controls timber harvesting, and 3) owns timber harvesting equipment. Program requirements are listed as part of this application.

Please type or print neatly using blue or black ink

Business Owner _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
City State Zip Code

County _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____
(If Different than Above)
City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____)_____-____ Cell/Phone 2 (____)_____-_____

Fax (____)_____-_____ E-Mail _____

Organizational Status Of Business: Sole-Proprietorship Partnership Corporation

Annual Cord Production (check one): Less than 1,000

Operation Type (check all that apply): Conventional Cut to length Hand felling Chipper
 Grinder Horse Logging

Does the business own timber harvesting equipment? Yes No



Individuals who participate in the program are required to provide certification of compliance with the items noted below. Please check the items, and sign to indicate you certify compliance or indicate that it is not applicable to your business. Participants who have unfulfilled requirements will receive assistance following processing of their application.

I am aware of Federal and State Tax laws and requirements. I am in compliance with all applicable Federal and State tax laws and requirements for doing business.

Signature _____ Date

I am aware that if I have employees, Unemployment Insurance and Worker Compensation Insurance are required. The appropriate policies are in place. Not applicable.

Signature _____ Date

I am aware that if I have employees, an AWAIR Company Safety Policy and a Substance Abuse Company Policy are in place for my company and available to all employees. (*)

Not applicable.

Signature _____ Date

I have my company enrolled in or participate in a drug and alcohol testing program as required for truck drivers. Not applicable.

Signature _____ Date

(*)= Templates are available on the MLEP website

A \$175.00 **non-refundable** application fee is required for applicants, and a \$175.00 **non-refundable** annual renewal fee is required each year thereafter. Participants who allow their membership to lapse will be required to reapply to the program as a first-year applicant. An additional \$50.00 administrative reapplication fee will also be required. Please indicate which of the following pertains to this application:

- This is my first application to the program, and I have enclosed a non-refundable \$175.00 application fee
- I have allowed my membership to lapse, and I have enclosed a non-refundable \$225.00 application fee.

Please make check or money order payable to MLEP at the address listed at the top of this form.

The information I have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentional falsification of application materials can result in denial of MLEP membership, that application fees are non-refundable, and that materials submitted with this application will not be returned to the applicant.

Business Owner Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



Code of Ethics for MLEP Logging Professionals

I, _____, recognize that maintaining professionalism in logging requires maintaining a professional attitude and following a code of ethics, just as it is true in any other profession. By accepting the designation of "MLEP Logging Professional", I agree to maintain a professional attitude and abide by the following code of ethics.

For the MLEP Logging Professional, safety on the worksite is the number one priority. The MLEP Logging Professional abides by and actively promotes safety standards.

MLEP Logging Professionals take pride in their profession, perform all activities in a responsible and professional manner and encourage others to do the same.

The MLEP Logging Professional is aware of and complies with all laws and regulations relating to the logging profession.

The MLEP Logging Professional will not perform any service for which he or she is not qualified, and will advise clients to seek other professional assistance when appropriate.

The MLEP Logging Professional will provide services that are specifically related to the objectives and requirements of his or her clients.

The MLEP Logging Professional will not malign the work, reputation, or business of other professional loggers.

The MLEP Logging Professional recognizes that landowners, wood buyers, and other professionals are part of the forest products industry and cooperates with affected parties to maintain high standards of professionalism.

The MLEP Logging Professional will strive to increase his or her knowledge of and skills within the logging profession.

Signature _____ Date _____



CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION

The undersigned has applied to participate in the continuing education offerings of Minnesota Logger Education Program (“MLEP”) as a member. The application, of which this Consent to Release of Information is a component, represents that the undersigned qualifies as a small producer, generating fewer than 1,000 cords annually. The small producer classification entitles the undersigned to a significant discount in annual fees to the programming offered by MLEP.

To enable MLEP to verify the applicant’s annual level of production, the undersigned by signature to this Consent to Release of Information authorizes MLEP to contact any purchaser of timber to determine the volume of timber delivered by the applicant at any time during the applicant’s membership in MLEP, and for the two years preceding such membership.

MLEP undertakes to use the information obtained solely to confirm qualification of the undersigned as entitled to the small producer discount and will release any information obtained only to the undersigned and to those officers, employees and directors of MLEP charged with maintaining and enforcing MLEP policy with respect to membership.

The undersigned specifically releases and indemnifies MLEP and its officers, directors, employees and agents for any liability or claim which may result as a consequence of the collection or use of the information described in this Consent.

Date: _____, 20_____

Printed Name

Signature

