

MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF WASHINGTON STATE

Electronic Vote Conference Scholarship for Keith Burgeson

On July 6, 2012, President Christine Bailey initiated an email call letter to the Executive Committee asking them to consider a request to fund a scholarship of \$175.00 for Keith Burgeson to attend the 2012 WSU Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference in Tri-Cities, Washington, on September 13-15, 2012. The committee was asked to vote electronically by indicating yes, no, or abstain.

Electronic voting is authorized by the Bylaws of the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State, Article III, Section 4.c, *Voting by Electronic Transmission*. The vote resulted in six yes votes and one abstention.

Mr. Burgeson's request follows:

From: **Keith Burgeson** <Kburgeson@2-harvest.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 27, 2012 at 1:45 PM
Subject: WSU Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference
To: "MGF2012Bounty@gmail.com" <MGF2012Bounty@gmail.com>

Good afternoon,

My name is Keith Burgeson. I have been an AmeriCorps*VISTA worker for the Second Harvest Food Bank in Spokane for almost two years. My work has focused on produce-recovery programs such as the "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program and the "Gleaning Project", an initiative geared towards capturing surplus produce from farmers' fields and residential fruit trees through a fruit tree registry program. I have basically acted as a community resource to Spokane's gardening community, helping to educate the public about gardening and build awareness of food insecurity issues.

I am a recent graduate of the 2012 Master Gardener class in Spokane. I work very closely with Anna Kestell, Tim Kohlhauff, and Pat Munts regarding my role as Harvest Coordinator.

I was wondering if the WSU Advanced-Education Conference offered any scholarships for attending. My funds as an AmeriCorps worker are very limited, but I feel that the education to be learned from attending this conference would be extremely valuable to my position considering I am so well connected to Spokane's gardening community.

Please let me know if funding sources are available. I would be more than happy to volunteer my time to help offset my "scholarship".

Thanks again. ☺

Have a great day, unless you've made other plans,
Keith

Submitted by,

Christine Bailey, President
Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State

MGFWS Minutes July 6, 2012