

# Tree Stewards Program 2026 Application



The application period will be open from April 3 to July 3. We can schedule a quick interview between April 3 and July 3. Admission will be limited to 30 students. Tree New Mexico will prioritize previous applicants and applicants from areas where Tree Stewards are most needed: Silver City, Truth or Consequences, and Western and North Central New Mexico. This year's program starts on August 1, 2026.

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Call/Text Me At: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Email Me At: \_\_\_\_\_

Which mode(s) of communication is best for you? (Put an X next to the best option/s)

- Texting
- Email
- Phone Call

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Major CrossStreets: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational Background and Experience:

Tree Related Background and Experience (not required to apply):

Reasons for Becoming a Volunteer Tree Steward:

Volunteer Experience (not required to apply):

How You Heard of the Program:

Do you have any physical restrictions we should be aware of?

What special skills would you bring to the volunteer network? (Tree knowledge, GIS mapping, tree equipment, farming experience, computer skills, etc.)

- From early August through mid-November, the program will include weekly materials for review, along with a combination of in-person sessions and online instruction via Zoom and recorded videos from past programs. Final oral exams will be conducted either online or in person.

- Each week will include in-person activities (labs) offered at various times during the week and weekend, or structured to be completed independently. You're welcome to choose the option that works best for you, but we highly encourage you to attend at least one of the three labs each week.
- Three opportunities for either in-person or online orientation will be offered at the beginning of the program, on or around August 2, 2025. The graduation ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Participation in both events is required.
- Completion of each section of the training is dependent on successfully completing an on-line quiz covering the week's material.

Are all of the above formats/expectations manageable for you? Please answer yes or no. If yes, please explain why:

A minimum commitment of 5 to 10 hours per week is required to complete the Tree Stewards training. Upon completing the training, Tree Stewards are expected to volunteer with the program in a capacity that aligns with their interests. Please estimate how much time you are able to commit to volunteering with the program each month. Additionally, indicate if you have any ongoing commitments—such as other training programs or graduate-level courses—that require a significant amount of your time.

Can you tell us more about what motivates you to take this training and volunteer in support of the urban tree canopy in your community?

What are your activities of interest? Select all that apply.

- Tree Care and Pruning
- Tree Planting
- Tree Species Identification
- Tree Monitoring
- Community Outreach and Education
- Identifying and Solving Tree Problems
- Policy-working with municipal decision makers
- Other:

Qualified applicants must complete an interview either in person or on Zoom.  
Which format would you prefer?

- Zoom
- In Person

What day(s) of the week and time of day/evening works best for you to complete a 30–45-minute interview?

There is a \$150 fee for this program along with the expectation that you will be volunteering in your community as a NM Tree Steward. If you need assistance with this fee, please check 'yes' below.

- Yes
- No

Return application by email to [Education@TreeNM.org](mailto:Education@TreeNM.org). Thank you!

