

The Compost Research and Education Foundation (CREF) will be hosting a [Compost Operations Training Course](#) from July 21-25, 2025 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (2715 US-44, Millbrook, NY 12545)! See the attached flyer.

To help increase accessibility to this important training opportunity, **NYSAR3 is generously offering three scholarships** for aspiring composting professionals who are based in New York State. Scholarships will cover 50 percent of the “Early Bird” registration costs* for small businesses, organizations, or municipalities only. “Early Bird” rates for small entities are \$1,350 (USCC Members) or \$1,510 (non-USCC Members).

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be primarily based in New York State
- Have an active NYSAR3 membership (prior to May 1, 2025)
- Be considered a small entity per CREF (*those with less than \$1 million in annual revenue or that serve less than 1 million constituents*)
- Have a financial barrier to attending CREF’s COTC

To apply: [Complete this online questionnaire](#) by **Friday, June 6th**. Your information will be kept confidential. A committee of NYSAR3 members will review the applications and make selections based on indicated need. NYSAR3 will announce scholarship recipients by Friday, June 20th. (*CREF will honor the “Early Bird” rates for the three scholarship recipients selected.)