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# Ohio LTAP

## Local Technical Assistance Program

# Roads Scholar



## Announcing the ‘Roads Scholar’ Training Recognition Program from Ohio LTAP

Ohio’s Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) offers a variety of technical workshops and equipment/safety courses that are designed to meet the training needs of employees who work in the areas of transportation and public works. Although LTAP focuses primarily on the needs of local government agencies (counties, cities, villages and townships), many LTAP training sessions are also of interest to ODOT, FHWA, university, and industry personnel. In a typical year, Ohio LTAP offers training on more than 20 different topics within the following subject categories:

- Roadway & Infrastructure Maintenance
- Roadway Safety & Traffic Control
- Construction & Materials
- Employee Safety & Development
- Organizational Development & Program Management

On March 1, 2004, Ohio LTAP announced a newly-updated **Roads Scholar Training Recognition Program**. Persons who attend six LTAP workshops/courses within specified topic categories qualify for ‘Roads Scholar’ Level I recognition. Completion of six additional courses in specified areas leads to Level II. Aside from the regular LTAP registration fee for each course, there are no additional costs to participate in this program.

Upon completion of the course requirements, graduates receive **Roads Scholar certificates** to document their continuing education and professional development. These certificates are signed by the LTAP Director, ODOT Director, and FHWA Division Administrator for Ohio. For graduates who are interested, additional recognition may include a congratulatory letter sent to their employer, and an announcement published in the *Ohio LTAP Quarterly* newsletter.

## What are the Requirements?

Roads Scholar recognition is based on completion of LTAP workshops or courses that provide at least half a day of instruction. Abbreviated LTAP ‘Circuit Rider’ classes (which provide less than three hours of instruction, on-site and free of charge) do not count toward Roads Scholar credit.

The topic requirements for Levels I and II are listed below.

<i><b>Roads Scholar Level I</b></i>	
<b>Row</b>	<b>Category (Training Topic)</b>
<b>1</b>	Work Zone workshop
<b>2</b>	Snow & Ice course
<b>3</b>	Pavement/Road workshop
<b>4</b>	Equipment/Safety course
<b>5</b>	Equipment/Safety course
<b>6</b>	Traffic Signs/Markings workshop, or additional Equipment/Safety course (see Rows <b>4</b> and <b>5</b> )
<i><b>Roads Scholar Level II</b></i>	
<b>Row</b>	<b>Category (Training Topic)</b>
<b>7</b>	Bridge/Culvert workshop, or additional Pavement workshop
<b>8</b>	Management, Environmental or Programmatic workshop
<b>9</b>	Equipment/Safety course not previously counted
<b>10</b>	Elective – any LTAP workshop/course not previously counted
<b>11</b>	Elective – any LTAP workshop/course not previously counted
<b>12</b>	Elective – any LTAP workshop/course not previously counted

A detailed list of **Approved Workshops/Courses** is available from LTAP (see next panel of this brochure). To avoid possible future disqualification of outdated Roads Scholar credits, participants should plan to complete the course requirements for each Level within a four-year (48-month) period.

## How Do I Participate?

Participation is based on completion of LTAP workshops/courses that fall within the specified Categories (Training Topics). As of 2004, most LTAP courses have a registration fee in the range of \$50 to \$65 per person. There are no additional fees for working toward Roads Scholar recognition. Students track their own progress as they complete each workshop/course.

Ohio LTAP publishes a Roads Scholar packet that includes the following detailed information:

- **Cover letter** fully describing the program.
  - **Transcript Forms** for Roads Scholar Levels I and II. *Each person is to track their own progress towards Roads Scholar recognition. Upon fulfilling the requirements of each Level, the Transcript Form is to be submitted to Ohio LTAP for review and approval.*
  - **Approved Workshops/Courses** for Roads Scholar Levels I and II. *These pages list examples of LTAP technical workshops and equipment/safety courses that qualify for Roads Scholar credit, and may be used as a reference when filling out the Transcript Forms. Previously-completed LTAP courses (back to January 1, 2000) that fall within the specified topic categories can be counted toward Roads Scholar credit.*
- The Roads Scholar Training Recognition program is completely voluntary; students may choose to attend LTAP workshops and courses without participating in the program. However, since it involves no additional costs, persons who frequently attend LTAP training sessions are encouraged to consider Roads Scholar participation.