

# Ohio LTAP

## Local Technical Assistance Program



## Roads Scholar

### For Further Information ...

If you have questions or would like to receive a copy of the Roads Scholar program packet, please contact Ohio LTAP at (614) 387-7358, or (877) 800-0031 toll-free. Thank you!



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## Roads Scholar

*Training Recognition Program*



## The 'Roads Scholar' Training Recognition Program from Ohio LTAP

Ohio's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) offers a variety of technical workshops and safety-related 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 focus areas:

- Worker/Workplace Safety
- Highway Safety
- Infrastructure Management
- Workforce Development

In 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. A new Level III (Road Master) recognition level was added to the program in 2010. Based on the combined totals for Levels I, II and III, there are now more than 270 Roads Scholar graduates in Ohio.

Upon completing the requirements for each level, a Roads Scholar graduate receives a certificate to document their continuing education and professional development. In addition, a letter of commendation is sent to their supervisor. The names of Roads Scholar graduates are also published in the *Ohio LTAP Newsletter*, and are listed on the LTAP website.

## What are the Requirements?

Roads Scholar recognition is based on completion of approved workshops/courses that are offered through Ohio LTAP. The topic requirements for Levels I and II are listed below.

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

The **Level III (Road Master)** recognition requires completion of seven additional Electives, along with a Written Project Report or Verbal Presentation.

A detailed list of Approved Workshops/Courses is available from LTAP. Students have a seven-year window to complete the course requirements within each recognition level. Approved LTAP courses that the student has already attended may be used for RS credit, provided that they fall within the seven-year timeframe.

## How Do I Participate?

Participation is based on completion of LTAP workshops/courses that fall within the specified Categories (Training Topics). As of 2016, most LTAP courses have a registration fee in the range of \$30 to \$60 per person (based on the number of contact hours). 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 program packet** that includes the following items.

- **Cover letter** fully describing the program.
- **Transcript Forms** for Roads Scholar Levels I, II and III. Each person is to track their own progress towards Roads Scholar recognition. Upon fulfilling the requirements of each level, the Transcript Form is submitted to Ohio LTAP for review and approval.
- **Approved Workshops/Courses** for Roads Scholar Levels I, II and III. These pages list examples of LTAP technical workshops and safety-related courses that qualify for Roads Scholar credit, and may be used as a reference when filling out the Transcript Forms. Details are also provided regarding the Level III (Road Master) requirements for the Written Project Report or Verbal Presentation.

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.

A new **Safety Distinction Recognition** was added to the Roads Scholar program in 2013, in order to emphasize the tremendous importance of safety in transportation and public works. For further information, please call us or visit the RS page of the Ohio LTAP website.