

NRECA Director Continuing Education Policy for Non-NRECA Events

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NRECA Director Education creates a path for continuous growth fueled by continuous learning, with the ultimate commitment being recognized as Director Gold credentialed.

Here are approved ways for directors to gain credit for NRECA Director Gold credentials renewal:

- All NRECA director education 900-level courses
- NRECA Directors Conference (1 credit per renewal cycle)

In addition, only these education events outside of NRECA can also be considered for credit – with approval from NRECA:

- Statewide annual meetings (1 credit per renewal cycle)
- Annual CFC Forum event (1 credit per renewal cycle)

Process for Approval from NRECA for Third-Party Credit

NRECA will review the statewide annual meetings and CFC Forum agendas to determine if they meet the criteria to award one-time Director Gold continuing education credit. To determine the activity's eligibility for Director Gold credit, it must meet the following criteria:

- Be focused on governance-related topic(s) and the roles and responsibilities of electric cooperative directors.
- Be taught by qualified subject-matter experts and instructors/facilitators are involved in development and delivery of each event.
- Each event is evaluated by the participants upon its completion.
- The event is offered as a full-day class¹ – NRECA will not authorize a half-day program as qualified to provide continuing education in the Director Gold program.

Required for Review

The following information must be submitted with each request:

- Name of the event
- Event date, time, and location
- Description of the event to include a list and description of any individual sessions, as applicable
- List of speakers/instructors to include their company or affiliated organization

Approvals

- All requests for review must be submitted to NRECA 60 days in advance of the program.
- Education programs offered by statewide associations or co-ops will not be approved retroactively.
- Each event must be reviewed and approved independently.
- NRECA will need up to 10 days to complete a review.
- All event approvals are issued on a one-time basis.

Submit all requests to Angie Hylton at angie.hylton@nreca.coop

¹ A "full-day course" is defined as a course offering at least 6 hours (aka "contact hours") of instruction not including breaks and lunch. A contact hour is one clock hour of interaction in an organized education experience. One contact hour is equal to 0.1 CEU (continuing education unit). For example, a full-day course would be promoted as offering 0.6 CEUs. Completion of a full day course (0.6 CEUs) is equal to 1 continuing education credit toward the Director Gold continuing education requirement.

Record Keeping

For each approved event, a list of the attendees looking for Director Gold credit must be submitted to NRECA within 15 days of the event's completion. Non-NRECA events will not appear on Directors' individual attendance records kept by NRECA. Directors are responsible for notifying NRECA of their intent to use approved events toward their Director Gold continuing education requirements.

Limits

- A maximum of one credit per continuing education cycle (two years) may be earned by attending an approved non-BLC educational program.
- The remaining two credits must be earned from NRECA's BLC courses per education cycle.
- Directors may also choose to earn all three continuing education credits from the BLC courses per education cycle.

Questions about Third-Party Credit or Attendance Records?

Please contact Danielle Jackson at danielle.jackson@nreca.coop or Angie Hylton at angie.hylton@nreca.coop.