



**MAINE FOREST SERVICE  
TEMPORARY BRIDGE COST-SHARE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**



(Deadline: 1/31/2024)

*This cost share program made possible with funding from the USDA Forest Service.*

**Return to:** [forestinfo@maine.gov](mailto:forestinfo@maine.gov) or MFS Temporary Bridge Program, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_
3. Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Profession: \_\_\_ Logger \_\_\_ Forester \_\_\_ Both

5. Social Security OR Federal ID # of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

6. Primary contact person: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Size of business (check one)

- I am a sole proprietor       I have 5 or fewer employees  
 I have 10 or fewer employees    I have over 10 employees

8. Total number of wooden bridges (3 panels each) to be purchased or constructed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimate of total cost (Include materials and labor costs if you are building them) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Agreement:** In applying for cost-share funds under the Maine Forest Service Temporary Bridge cost share program, I the undersigned certify that all the above information is true to the best of my knowledge, and agree to abide by all requirements of the program including:

- Cost-shared bridges will meet minimum bridge specifications (see separate spec sheet).
- Provide receipts, invoices AND an affidavit for bridges/materials if purchased, or an accounting of materials and labor time if constructed.
- Primary use of bridge(s) is as a portable stream crossing structures to access forestry operations in Maine.
- Applicants must allow on-site inspections of the bridge sites by MFS.
  - a. Applicants are responsible for alerting landowners for whom they harvest to this requirement (verbally or in contracts).
- Applicants may not charge fees to subcontractors, clients or landowners for use of the bridge.
- Applicants may not re-sell the bridge for 5 years.
- Applicants must use Best Management Practices appropriate to the site and abide by any legal requirements for timber harvesting that apply to the harvest site.
- Applicants must be an individual or company based in Maine.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This is a reimbursement program.**

- **Your application must be approved before a bridge is built or purchased.**
- **You must show proof of payment before you can receive reimbursement for the cost of the bridge(s).**

Application periods will continue quarterly for as long as funding is available. **Applications will be reviewed and prioritized at the end of each quarter and decision letters will be issued within 4 weeks from this date.** If an application is not prioritized for funding by the end of the quarter, it may be considered in the following quarter if funds still remain. Applications will be prioritized based on adherence to [Federal Executive Order 13985 Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#).