



**N.C. Forest Service and N.C. Forestry Association  
Lease-to-Own  
Temporary Bridges for Forestry Crossings Program**



**\*\*New time-limited Lease-to-Own Program\*\***

- This is a **new** lease-to-own program.
- This program provides a **one-day lease**, after which the temporary bridges become the applicant’s property.
- The applicant must have a **business address in North Carolina** and be a primary or secondary forest product operator.
- This program will use a **single two-month application window** and a structured random draw to ensure fair and efficient use of program funds.
  - **Application window: July 1, 2026 – Aug. 31, 2026**
- Funding will be distributed statewide and allocated through a **random draw by the N.C. Forest Service**.
- The Program will cover the **lesser of either**:
  - Up to **\$12,500** (if the purchase price is greater than \$16,667)
  - Or **75% of the purchase price** (if the purchase price is less than \$16,667)
- Successful applicants are responsible for providing: (1) Signed lease-to-own agreement with the NCFA, (2) quote valid for 30 days, (3) W-9, and (4) calculated lease payment.
  - **Applicants will NOT purchase any bridges for this program.**
  - **This program does not provide reimbursements. Any temporary bridge purchased before receiving funding approval is not eligible.**
- Successful applicants are responsible for arranging transportation and associated costs.

**Interested program applicants apply within the announced two-month window by submitting requested information in the program application and agreeing to the terms and conditions.**

**Key Dates for Program Application Submission**

**July 1, 2026** – Lease-to-Own Program Application Opens

**July 1, 2026 – Aug. 31, 2026** – Application Window

**Aug. 31, 2026** – Application Deadline

**Sept. 11, 2026** – Notification of Selected Applicants Round One

**Oct. 2, 2026** – Grant Agreement Packet Due (failure to submit will result in removal from program)

**Oct. 5, 2026** – Notification of Selected Applicants Round Two

**Oct. 19, 2026** – Grant Agreement Packet Due Round Two Awardees

**Visit the website to view the application form, program handbook for further details and other supplemental information:**

[Lease-to-Own Temporary Bridges for Forestry Crossings Program](#)

*The N.C. Forest Service will be available to provide best management practice technical assistance and outreach for temporary bridge installation, use and removal.*