

**NAAEE Diversity Scholarship
38th Annual NAAEE Conference
Portland, Oregon
October 7-10, 2009**

Thank you for your interest in a diversity scholarship. The scholarship provides assistance for persons from diverse cultural heritages to grow professionally by meeting and interacting with environmental education professionals from North America and around the world at the 38th Annual NAAEE Conference in Portland, OR, October 7-10, 2009. Recipients enrich the experience for everyone by bringing their unique cultural perspectives to the conference.

Increasing diversity within the Association and environmental education profession are key elements of NAAEE's Strategic Plan to enrich the field. Diversity scholarships are one way that NAAEE promotes the interaction and exchange of cultural perspectives. NAAEE intends to award scholarships to individuals whose application most strongly indicates their ability to enhance the multi-cultural character of our role as environmental stewards.

Coverage: NAAEE's diversity scholarships cover the cost of a full conference registration. This includes access to all plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, the exhibit hall, and many other events. Awardees who accept the scholarship and attend the conference will also receive a one-year membership in the Association. Scholars are responsible for their travel to the conference, lodging, and any costs associated with field trips, all-day workshops, the Research Symposium, the Saturday closing event, guest tickets, and merchandise.

Requirements: Scholarship recipients agree to attend the Diversity Welcome (date TBA) and contribute four hours of volunteer time during the conference. This may include activities such as assisting with registration, serving as room monitors, or helping with the NAAEE booth in the exhibit hall.

Application Process: To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the on-line application form. The link to the application can be found at <http://www.naaee.org/conference/scholarships>.

You will be asked to provide the following information:

1. Name
2. Contact information including e-mail (notification will be via e-mail)
3. What is your cultural background?
4. Are you a current member of NAAEE?
5. Are you a full time student?
6. Did you submit a proposal to give a presentation at the conference?
7. If awarded a scholarship, are you willing to maintain your NAAEE membership for two years? (Note that this scholarship includes a one-year membership to NAAEE.)
8. If awarded this scholarship, will you be actively involved with NAAEE's Diversity Committee?
9. If you are awarded a scholarship, will you be willing to attend and assist with diversity events throughout the conference?

10. If awarded this scholarship, are you willing to be a mentor for one diversity scholarship recipient at next year's conference?
11. What is your past experience with diversity in environmental education?

DEADLINE: Applications must be received no later than June 12, 2009. Scholarship applicants will be notified by email on or before August 1, 2009. NAAEE conference registration opens June 1, 2009, and the early bird discount closes August 15, 2009.