

NAAEE's 2008 Environmental Education Scholarship for Academic Study Application Information

Information and Eligibility Requirements: Environmental Education Scholarships for Academic Study in the amount of \$500 to \$1,000 are available from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) for a student attending a college or university in Kansas (the host state for the 2008 NAAEE Conference). Applicants must be currently preparing for a career in formal or nonformal environmental education through coursework, volunteer experiences, or paid work. Applicants must be enrolled in an academic program at the time of their application and at the time of the conference. Current membership in NAAEE is not required. Persons of color and students working in environmental justice are encouraged to apply. In addition to the scholarship, the selected student will be offered a free registration to the NAAEE annual conference and a one-year student membership in NAAEE. The conference registration includes access to all keynote speakers, sessions, exhibit hall, and many other events. Scholars are responsible for their travel to the conference, and participation in events such as field trips, all day workshops, the research symposium, and the closing event is available for additional fees.

Evaluation and Selection Process: The intention of this scholarship is to support students with a potential for excellence and to diversify the field of environmental education. Therefore, scholarship applicants will be evaluated based on their a) understanding of and commitment to environmental education; b) past experience in the field; c) potential for future contribution to environmental education; and d) potential for leadership in environmental education on diversity issues.

Application Materials:

1. Responses to the questions on the application form (completed via the electronic survey accessed through Survey Monkey)
2. One letter of recommendation from an advisor or other professor, instructor or employer familiar with his/her work in environmental education. The letter should describe the applicant's potential for excellence in the field of environmental education and comment on the skills and attributes he/she brings to the classroom, volunteer efforts, and work situations.
3. Unofficial College/University transcript

Note: Mail recommendation letter and transcript to:

NAAEE Scholarship
Attn: Cindy Love
PO Box 110410
SFRC, University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611-0410

*Transcripts may be scanned if the file is compressed; email compressed file to cilove@ufl.edu

DEADLINE: May 1, 2008 (all materials, including the transcript, must be **received** by this date)

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. Permanent Address
3. Email address
4. Phone
5. College or University
6. Undergraduate student: Major
7. Graduate student: Department and Thesis or Project topic
8. Anticipated graduation date
9. Describe why you wish to become involved in the field of environmental education. (maximum 1,000 words total) *Note: Environmental education is a learning process that increases people's knowledge and awareness about the environment and associated challenges, develops the necessary skills and expertise to address the challenges, and fosters attitudes, motivations, and commitments to make informed decisions and take responsible action (UNESCO, Tbilisi Declaration, 1978). Environmental education recognizes the importance of viewing the environment within the context of human influences, incorporating an examination of economics, health, culture, political structure, and social equity as well as natural processes and systems. Environmental educators work in a diversity of settings, such as schools, community centers, universities, parks, nature centers, zoos, residential camps, and non-profit conservation organizations.*
10. Describe how you are preparing yourself to contribute to the field of environmental education. (maximum 1,000 words total)
Please list the courses you have taken related to environmental education, outdoor education, environmental interpretation, and environmental justice. What have you done outside of your formal academic coursework, such as work, volunteer experiences, committees, etc.?
11. How can you best contribute to the field of environmental education? What skills or unique attributes do you bring to the profession? (maximum 1,000 words total)
12. Diversity in the field of environmental education is a priority for NAAEE. (To learn more about NAAEE's diversity initiative, visit <http://www.naaee.org/programs-and-initiatives/diversity>.) Please describe what you think it means to promote cultural diversity and environmental justice within and/or through environmental education. Also describe how you are currently contributing to the intent behind NAAEE's diversity effort or how you could contribute to this effort in the future. (maximum 1,000 words total)