

**NAAEE Diversity Scholarship
37th Annual NAAEE Conference
Wichita, Kansas
October 15-18, 2008**

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 37th Annual NAAEE Conference in Wichita, KS, October 15-18, 2008. 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. Priority will be given to individuals who will be presenting at the NAAEE conference.

NAAEE's diversity scholarships cover the cost of a full conference registration. This includes access to all keynote speakers, sessions, exhibit hall, and many other events. It also includes a one-year membership in the Association. 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. Scholarship recipients agree to attend the Diversity Welcome on Wednesday, October 15, 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.

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, Affiliation, Work Address, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country
2. Daytime phone, fax, e-mail (notification will be via e-mail)
3. What is your cultural background?
4. Have you ever attended an NAAEE annual conference? If yes, which year?
5. Have you ever been awarded an NAAEE scholarship?
6. Did you submit a proposal to give a presentation at the conference? Please attach the 40-word summary of your presentation, along with title.
7. If you are not presenting, please describe the perspective you can bring through your participation.
8. Describe briefly how the information you hope to gain at the conference will contribute to your professional goals.
9. Describe briefly your most recent environmental education work.
10. What is your experience with diversity in environmental education?
11. How you will share knowledge and experience gained when you return home.
12. Explain why you need financial support.
13. If you are awarded a scholarship, will you be willing to continue as a dues-paying member for two years and stay active with the diversity committee?
14. If you are awarded a scholarship, will you be willing to attend the diversity events throughout the conference?

DEADLINE: Applications must be received no later than June 15, 2008. Scholarship applicants will be notified by email on or before August 1, 2008. NAAEE conference registration opens June 2, 2008, and the early bird discount closes August 15, 2008.