

EENC Inclusion Scholarship

Description:

You value nature and you want to teach about it. The Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC) strives to make the organization, and environmental education, more accessible, inclusive, and welcoming for all communities. EENC welcomes educators of all races, age, creeds, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, as we believe that all human beings can help increase the environmental literacy of our state's residents. EENC continues to seek new opportunities to work with organizations that represent the people of North Carolina, especially those that are wanting to expand networking and professional development opportunities in the environmental education field.

EENC is committed to building a more inclusive sector. One of our strategies includes supporting attendance at our conference and events that is more representative of our state's demographics and educators. Come to EENC's annual conference where you can experience professional development, field trips, and networking with other educators who are working for a sustainable future.

To this end, a donation was made in 2018 in honor of Deborah Miller to reestablish and fund the EENC Inclusion Scholarship. Deborah Miller served on the EENC board of directors from 1996 to 2003 and was President in 1998. She was always passionate about increasing the diversity of both the field of environmental education and our organization.

This year, EENC is focusing on racial equity through our Inclusion Scholarship. EENC will award two scholarships to individuals who identify as people of color to attend the annual EENC conference. The amount awarded for this scholarship will include the full conference registration plus an equivalent amount to be used for travel to and from the conference, additional meal expenses, and/or lodging. Any travel expenses beyond the value of the stipend will be the responsibility of the awardee.

Procedure:

- Inclusion Scholarship applicants will complete the general scholarship application form. Applicants who wish to be considered for the Inclusion Scholarship will complete two additional questions.
- EENC will award two Inclusion Scholarships per year. Recipients will be able to register for the conference at no cost and receive an amount equal to the registration fee for a travel stipend. This stipend will be mailed 30 days prior to the conference.
- Applicants who do not receive the Inclusion Scholarship will remain in the general scholarship applicant pool for consideration for a general scholarship award to cover all or part of conference registration fee.

Review Criteria:

All EENC scholarships are awarded based on need and merit. All scholarship awards are granted on the strength of an applicant's answers to the questions in the scholarship application.