

National Hispanic Environmental Council



STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

The 11th Annual NHEC MINORITY YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

“11 Days of Learning, A Lifetime of Experience”

An Environmental STEM Initiative

July 20–30, 2012 • Las Vegas, New Mexico

(You must answer all questions for your application to be considered)

STUDENT INFORMATION

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Student's Email: _____

Parents Email: _____

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

How old are you now? (ex. 17, 18, etc.) _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes _____ No _____ Permanent Legal Resident: Yes _____ No _____

Note: to avoid confusion you must check either U.S. Citizen OR Permanent Legal Resident—do not check both. That is because these are separate legal status. For example, if you were born in the U.S. or Puerto Rico then you are a US Citizen; if so you are not also a Legal Resident. You can only be one or the other.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Your School: _____

School Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your Current Grade Level: (ex.: 12th grade, college freshman, etc): _____

Your current Grade Average or GPA: _____

OTHER QUESTIONS

(Note: there are no right or wrong answers to the following questions. They are being asked only to help NHEC better plan the coursework for the Institute and to understand students better. You should make an effort to answer every question in this section.

Do you plan to go to college? (check one): Yes No

Are you already in college? (check one): Yes No

If yes, what is your planned or current major in college? _____

What college(s) do you think you want to attend? _____

If you do not plan to go to college in the future, what job will you seek? Is it a job related to the environment? Please tell us _____

Briefly, tell us whatever you know about the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service _____

U.S. EPA _____

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service _____

U.S. Forest Service _____

In the future, would you want to work for any of these federal environmental agencies?

Yes No

If yes, which one _____

If not these federal agencies, do you have another in mind related to the environment?

Yes No

Which government agency is that? _____

If not a government agency, where would you like to work in the future? (A company, an organization? etc). Tell us which one, if you know _____

ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED INFORMATION

(If you need more space to respond, use extra paper and attach to this Form. Remember: the more you tell us about your background, the better your application will be.)

List any past or present classes related to the environment you have taken, in school or elsewhere: (for ex.-- biology, chemistry, botany, environmental research, environmental education courses, Outward Bound, etc). List where and when you took them.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

List any past or present activities related to the environment (ex. Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; environmental organization or outdoors club, either in school or elsewhere; 4-H Club; local park clean-up; environmental field trips; tree plantings; recycling club; Earth Day activities; etc.).

When did you pursue these activities? Give dates.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

List any jobs you have held related to the environment, and give employer name and dates employed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

List other non-environmental organizations you are an active member of (either in or outside school) that tells us more about you and you think we should know about. (ex. community organizations, church groups, volunteer groups, youth groups, sports clubs, minority organizations, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

REFERENCES

List one adult (other than family members) who can attest to your strong interest in the environment, or to your participation in some environmental activity, past or present. (For example: a teacher, principal, coach, school counselor, club president, employer, etc.)

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is their relationship to you? (ex.: my teacher, supervisor, etc) _____

REMEMBER: All applicants must also submit an essay. Please attach it to your Application Form. **See the document “Application Information: How to Apply” for more details on writing the essay.** This essay is an important part of the selection process and will be read carefully by NHEC. Also, there is a post-Institute component—students and parents must agree to be contacted periodically by NHEC so we can track students’ progress

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Mother: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Day/Work Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Name of Father: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Day/Work Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

(If it is the same as above, check here.) Same as above If not, please fill in below.

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Day/Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____

KEY INFORMATION TO KNOW AND REMEMBER:

Read all materials and complete all required Forms. You must answer all questions; if your application package is incomplete it cannot be evaluated by NHEC, and will prevent you from being considered. Be sure to apply as soon as possible. Mail your completed application to the VA address below.

The Institute is for students aged 16–19, and will be held at New Mexico Highlands University and other sites in Northern NM. The Institute is open to all, and applicants from every race, gender, ethnicity, etc. are welcome to apply. The Institute is being funded by several federal environmental agencies; these are: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. EPA, USDA NRCS, and the U.S. Forest Service. If selected, NHEC will provide a scholarship that will cover all major costs of the 11 day Institute, including airfare, lodging, meals, local travel costs, and related educational materials. There is no fee to apply. However, if you are selected there is a \$25 registration fee for the 11 day Institute which covers certain costs to NHEC not underwritten by Institute sponsors. There is also a post-Institute follow-up process with students as described in the Fact Sheet. See our “Fact Sheet” and “Application Information: How to Apply” for detailed information on the Institute. NHEC reserves the right to make changes to the Institute, including revisions to the curriculum, as necessary. NHEC will provide Institute sponsorships to qualified students only up to the limits of available funding.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

(required for all applicants under 18).
(Parents must sign their names clearly)

Date: _____

For more information, call or write NHEC at the address below. Mail completed applications to this address as well.

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Or visit us at our web page: www.nheec.org

For more information: send an e-mail to Juan Rodriguez, NHEC Programs Coordinator, at jrodriguez@nheec.org