

National Hispanic Environmental Council



Dear Students, Educators, and Community/Environmental Leaders:

The National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) announces it **is still accepting applications from college students** to attend our 15th annual, national **NM Environmental STEM Institute**, to be held August 13-21, 2017, at national forests, parks, laboratories, and more in scenic northern New Mexico.

With funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the U.S. EPA, **NHEC covers all costs to attend.**

Students will be housed and fed, and coursework/presentations held at the Courtyard Marriott Santa Fe Hotel, in Santa Fe, NM. Students will conduct environmental science field studies on a range of federal and private lands, and explore some of the most beautiful natural areas in the U.S., including the Santa Fe National Forest, Pecos National Park, Bandelier National Park, Abiquiu Lake Recreation area, and the Chama river.

This is one of 3 Environmental STEM Institutes- in NY, CA, NM – NHEC runs each year as we work to build the next generation of Latino/minority environmental professionals and scientists.

Regarding eligibility, as this is a federal program the Institute is open to all students from the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Interested students should quickly send NHEC a preliminary email that gives us your:

- name;
- address;
- email and phone number;
- your age and date of birth
- college you attend;
- current GPA;
- your major;
- your grade level in September, i.e. sophomore, junior, etc.
- brief description of past/present environmental experiences especially in the sciences;

We will contact you shortly after receiving your email to further discuss your interests, qualifications, and review the formal application process.

The NM Environmental STEM Institute is an intensive, residential, strongly science-based, 10 day long conservation education and conservation career program for top college STEM students,

aged 17-21 deeply interested in and actively pursuing an environmental/natural resource major and related career in the sciences.

Through a full scholarship, NHEC covers ALL costs for those students competitively selected, including airfare, housing, meals, science equipment, and more.

Using our Environmental STEM curriculum taught by NHEC's skilled instructors, a number with Ph.D's, students learn a range of environmental and conservation issues. Students conduct Environmental Field Studies (air, soil, water testing, biological assessments, tree ecology, birding, more) using high-tech science equipment. Also participating are volunteer role models—environmental professionals, many minority and from the sciences—who engage/inspire students to pursue an environmental/conservation career.

Students will also learn about federal internships, jobs, and research opportunities with our sponsoring agencies, and how to apply.

So if you are passionate about the environment, enjoy science, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, AND been seeking a job or research position in the environmental arena, this program is for you.

To answer three FAQ's: 1. yes, slots are still available although going fast. 2. there is no deadline per se; NHEC reviews applications/selects students on a rolling basis until all slots are filled. Students are strongly urged to apply asap. And 3. as this is a federally funded program students must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Legal Residents to be eligible.

Finally, we ask you to forward this information to those interested in this unique program, including qualified students, educators, colleges, organizations, and more. We thank you for your help.

Please contact NHEC's Programs Coordinator, Juan Rodriguez, at jrodriguez@nheec1.org or rrivera@nheec1.org if you have questions. Or call NHEC at 703-683-3956, or at www.nheec1.org

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