

1st Annual California Latino Environmental and Natural Resources Conference

October 5-7, 2002
Sacramento, CA



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NATIONAL HISPANIC ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE

1st Annual "California Latino Environmental and Natural Resources Conference" Sacramento, CA

Student Information

We are pleased to announce that the National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) will hold its 1st Annual "**California Latino Environmental and Natural Resources Conference**" on **October 5-7, 2002** at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, CA. The Conference will feature top workshops, a major Career Fair, site visits to environmental facilities, and the opportunity to network with hundreds of fellow students and environmental professionals from around California and other states.

We are accepting applications from college students (in a variety of disciplines related to the environment or natural resources) interested in receiving a "Travel Scholarship." All students must send a resume, plus a one page letter that explains their career goals, why they wish to go to the Conference, and how they intend to use what they learn in the future. Note: the cover letter will be very important in selecting who will receive a scholarship. **We expect to subsidize at least 300 students, both graduate and undergraduate.**

The Travel Scholarship will cover nearly all your Conference costs. This includes: on-site registration materials; the cost of travel to and from the conference; hotel for two days (Saturday and Sunday, departure Monday evening) local transportation; and meals at the Conference.

There is a fee to attend the Conference. It will help cover some costs not underwritten by Conference sponsors. **The fee is \$25 per student before September 25, 2002, \$35 after.** This check must be included for your application to be considered complete. Put the name of the Conference applicant on the check. **If you are not selected to receive a scholarship, your check will not be cashed. In other words, there is no fee to apply.**

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Regarding the Travel Scholarships, students should know that because the Conference focus is on California, and the funding comes primarily from California sources, **a high priority will be given to applicants from California or those attending colleges in California.** For non-California applicants, students must be able to convincingly demonstrate in their application that they intend to work in California, either while in college (for example, during the summer) or upon graduation.

To receive the scholarship, students must be currently enrolled **in an undergraduate or graduate** program in a specific environmental or natural resources discipline. If you **are not** enrolled in such a discipline, then you must be able to show convincingly, through your resume and especially your cover letter, that you are already making the environment your future career, or are seriously considering doing so.

For example, if you are a biology, forestry, or an environmental engineering major, then you are eligible for the travel scholarship. **However, the environment requires many other disciplines as well.** For example, if you are a political science, history, or sociology major, then there are many careers open to you in the environment, and you are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Similarly, if you are a business, medical, or law student, many environmental career paths are open to you—and you should apply. **Just remember that you must make your case in your cover letter—so be factual but persuasive!**

Some examples of disciplines that are eligible for the scholarship:

- environmental engineering
- civil or mechanical engineering, with an environmental emphasis
- chemical engineering
- the natural sciences/natural resources, fields, e. g. biology, geology, hydrology, conservation, forestry, mining, oceanography, wildlife management, zoology, etc.
- agriculture
- environmental law
- environmental business
- political science, history, liberal arts, sociology, anthropology, medicine, law enforcement, fire fighting, computer science, accounting, and much more.

Remember: to receive the scholarship, there must be clear evidence in your resume and cover letter of an environmental background or emphasis, **or** serious interest in making the environment your career.

NOTE: All resumes must be current, and include the applicant's GPA, as well as the home and school address, home and school telephone, and e-mail address.

NOTE: All applicants will be considered on a first-come, first served basis. You are strongly urged to apply promptly. Students will be notified on a rolling basis whether they have received a scholarship. **Due to the volume of applications, only those students who have been accepted (not declines) are notified.**

To summarize, to receive a Travel Scholarship, all students must:

1. Either be a California resident or be attending a California college. If you are a non-California applicant, students must convincingly show they intend to work in California.
2. Apply early. Scholarships will be granted on a first-come, first served basis.
3. Be in an environmental/natural resources-related discipline, **or** show that your major is related to the environment, or that you intend to make the environment your future career.
4. Send in a current resume, **with GPA**, and your school and home address, your home and school phone number, and your **e-mail address**.
5. Include a **one-page** cover letter that explains your career goals, why you want to attend the conference, and what you will do in the future with what you learn. If you have previously been subsidized to an NHEC conference, you **must** so state in your cover letter, but this **is not** a factor one way or another in selection. Remember: **your cover letter will be particularly important in choosing who receives a scholarship. Be factual but persuasive.**
6. Include a \$25 check for the Conf. registration fee. Be sure to write your name (the applicant) on the check. Make checks payable to **“National Hispanic Environmental Council”** Checks will only be cashed if you are selected. **There is no fee to apply.**

Mail your application package to:

**National Hispanic Environmental Council
106 N. Fayette Street
Alexandria, VA 22314**

NOTE: We will subsidize students up to the limit of **available funding**. Remember, however, that **anyone** (student or professional) can attend the conference. If funds run out for scholarships, students can still attend the conference. They'll just have to pay their own way.

STUDENT REGISTRATION FEES:

Before 9/25/02	After 9/25/02
\$25	\$35

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Go **first** to our web page at: www.nheec.org. If your questions can not be answered there, then send an e-mail to Juan Rodriguez, Conference Coordinator at jrodriguezpr@ameritech.net. After that, call NHEC at 703-683-3956.