

9th Annual National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference

April 3 – 6, 2004
Albuquerque, NM



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NATIONAL HISPANIC ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE

9th Annual “National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference” Albuquerque, NM

Student Information

We are pleased to announce that the National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) will hold its 9th Annual “National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference,” on **April 3–6, 2004**, at the Marriott Pyramid North Hotel in Albuquerque, NM. The Conference will feature 30 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 the country.

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, college transcripts, 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 over 200 students, both graduate and undergraduate.** This year, we are especially seeking applications from college sophomores and juniors.

The Travel Scholarship will cover nearly all your Conference costs. This includes: on-site registration materials; the cost of airfare to and from the conference; hotel for three days (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, departure Tuesday evening); and most 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 March 19, 2004, \$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. There is no fee to apply.**

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To receive the Travel Scholarship, college 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 may still apply for the scholarship**, but you must be able to show, 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 clearly eligible. **However, the environment requires many disciplines.** For example, if you are a political science, history, sociology, or anthropology 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. If you are in a law enforcement or similar field, then many environmental careers are open to you—and you can apply for the subsidy. **Just remember that you must make your case to us in your cover letter—so be factual but persuasive!**

Some examples of disciplines that are eligible for the Travel Scholarship:

- environmental engineering
- civil or mechanical engineering, with an environmental emphasis
- chemical engineering
- the natural sciences/natural resources, fields, e. g. biology, geology, hydrology, toxicology, conservation, forestry, mining, oceanography, wildlife management, zoology, etc.
- agriculture
- environmental law
- environmental justice
- 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 major or emphasis, **or** serious interest in making the environment your career.

NOTE: All **resumes** must be current, and **must** include the applicant's GPA, as well as your 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 an NHEC Travel Scholarship, all students must:

1. Apply early. Scholarships will be granted on a first-come, first served basis.
2. Be in an environmental/natural resources-related discipline, or show that your major is related to the environment, or that in some way you intend to make the environment your future career.
3. Send in a **current resume, with GPA**, and your school and home address and a phone number, and your **E-Mail address.** Remember: This year we are especially seeking applications from sophomores and juniors. In the first paragraph of your cover letter, **you must tell us what year you are in (e.g. sophomore, etc.) and what your current GPA is.**

4. A copy of your college transcripts from the school you are currently attending. An unofficial copy is satisfactory.
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.

In addition, indicate in your cover letter which agency (or agencies) or other potential employer you are interested in working at. Also, indicate (by job title, if you know) which position or positions you may be interested in.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Many federal environmental agencies recruit at the NHEC Conference and Career Fair. Please note that typically, **U.S. citizenship is a requirement for employment in the U.S. federal government.** For a full description of this requirement, as well as possible exceptions, please go to the following U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) web site, at: http://www.opm.gov/employ/html/non_cit.asp. You should also check the individual web page of the federal agency or agencies in which you are seeking employment.

Remember: **your cover letter will be particularly important in choosing who receives a scholarship. Be factual but persuasive.** Note: Resubmitting a previous year's cover letter will result in the immediate disqualification of the applicant.

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 **"Nat. Hispanic Sustainable Energy/Environmental Conference"** Checks will only be cashed if you are selected. There is no fee to apply.

Mail your application package to:

**National Hispanic Sustainable Energy and Environmental Conference
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 3/19/04	After 3/19/04
\$25	\$35

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Go first to our web page at: www.nheec.org. If questions remain, send an e-mail to Juan Rodriguez, Conference Coordinator, at jrodriguez@nheec.org. After that, call NHEC at 703-683-3956