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MINORITIES IN NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) is an organization whose members are the state and federal agencies with primary responsibility for management and protection of the fish and wildlife resources in 16 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its objectives are to cultivate friendly relations and mutual understanding among officials engaged in natural resources conservation and to coordinate the programs they administer. SEAFWA also promotes public understanding and appreciation of the importance of conserving natural resources and encourages the management of fish and wildlife resources.

The Subcommittee is actively seeking minority students to participate in the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)/Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation (MINRC), October 16 - 19, 2016 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During the SEAFWA Conference, MINRC will conduct student workshops that will provide valuable career development information. Students will participate in round table discussions to share information on selected topics relevant to seeking employment in the natural resource field. A keynote speaker will motivate the students to continue their quest to reach their goals. There will also be a career fair for students to speak with professionals regarding employment opportunities. For more information on the conference, go to <http://www.seafwa.org/conferences/2016>.

Requirements and Procedures

MINRC will pay for the following expenses:

Hotel, meals, conference registration & reimbursement of gas with a receipt.

- Per Diem will be provided for meals not included in registration
2 students per room

Students are financially responsible for:

- Their means of transportation to and from their local airport and personal miscellaneous expenses

Selected students will be responsible for writing an essay. The best-written paper will qualify for the Teddy Roosevelt award given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Conference Topic “**Conserving Vital Habitats**”

The essay question is:

As a Minority pursuing a career in conservation, explain how conserving vital habitats are important to our changing society?

All papers should be 500-1000 words and will be turned in no later than **October 7, 2016** via email to Betty Bryant @ betty.bryant@agfc.ar.gov.

Completed application and all materials are due **September 16, 2016** and must be submitted electronically to betty.bryant@agfc.ar.gov. Students will be notified during the week of **September 26 - 30, 2016** to confirm their registration status, where and what time to report to the conference.

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Student Stipend Application STUDENT ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION

This student, _____, has applied for the Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation (MINRC) of the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) stipend. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing application and answers to questions therein. To the best of my knowledge, the applicant has made correct statements. When recommending this student, please consider his or her interest and/or academic career in natural resources management and related fields.

Advisor's Name & Title

School Name

School Address

Phone

E-mail Address

Recommendation:

Signature

Date

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Student Stipend Application FACULTY MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

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Faculty's Name & Title

School Name

School Address

Phone

E-mail

I believe this student would benefit from the stipend because:

Signature

Date

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Student Stipend Application RELEASE & EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Student's Name

Date of Birth

I give permission for the Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation (MINRC) to release my Stipend Application, including my transcripts and any attachments, to their members and donors who donated money to send students to the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Conference. This information is for the purpose of informing them of my background so they can determine my eligibility to receive the stipend and my potential eligibility for employment. The information will not be used for any other purpose.

In the event of an emergency, I give any Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation member permission to contact the following relative/guardian/friend/advisor:

Name

Phone

Relationship to student

Signature

Date