



MINRC

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 Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation (MINRC) subcommittee is actively seeking minority students to participate in the 76th Annual Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Conference on October 23-26, 2022. During the SEAFWA Conference, MINRC will conduct student workshops that will provide valuable career development information. Students will participate in discussions and gain 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 opportunities for students to speak with professionals regarding employment prospects. For more information on the conference, go to <http://www.seafwa.org/conference/>.

The following expenses will be awarded to minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the conservation profession:

- Hotel (2 students per room)
- Meals
- Conference Registration
- Airfare or reimbursement of gas with a receipt

Students are responsible for their means of transportation to and from their local airport and personal miscellaneous expenses.

Completed application and all materials are due September 15, 2022 and must be submitted electronically to SEAFWA.MINRC@gmail.com. Students will be notified during the week of September 26, 2022, to confirm their registration status, where and what time to report to the conference.

Applicant Criteria:

- At the time of application, must be a current college student, or graduated within the previous 12 months, or currently enrolled in a post-graduate program from one of the following southeastern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- Minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher.
- Must be pursuing a degree in a natural resources field.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.



2022 Student Stipend Application

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

County: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Classification: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___

Major/Minor: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____

Have you been a previous MINRC Stipend recipient? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, are you presenting a poster at this year's conference? Yes ___ No ___

How did you hear of this opportunity? _____

The following materials must accompany this completed application form:

- A cover letter indicating Why You Desire this Stipend?
 - A copy of your most recent unofficial transcripts
 - A letter of recommendation from a college advisor OR a faculty member
 - A resume
 - Essay 1000-1200 words
- Applicants are required to submit a 1000-1200 word essay. The best-written paper will qualify for the Teddy Roosevelt award given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The essay topic is: *"As a Minority pursuing a career in conservation, describe what you believe are the benefits of Diversity and Inclusion and Equity in the conservation field. Describe creative strategies that you, your peers, or your community can implement to address this issue."*

President Theodore Roosevelt was one of the most powerful voices in the history of American conservation. After becoming president in 1901, Roosevelt used his authority to establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird

reserves, four national game preserves, five national parks, and 18 national monuments on over 230 million acres of public land. The essay award was developed to honor the conservation history that Roosevelt implemented and to foster our emerging conservationists to think on how we all can continue the legacy.

The best-written essay will qualify for the Teddy Roosevelt award given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria: · Topic Presentation · Organization · Understanding the topic · Work Choice · Sentence Structure · Grammar

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Academic Advisor Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

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