



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 71st Annual Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Conference. The conference will be held on October 29, 2017 - November 1, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky. Students are expected to arrive on Saturday, October 28, 2017 no later than 12:00 p.m. to attend a welcome meeting and conference orientation with MINRC professionals. 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 opportunities for students to speak with professionals regarding employment prospects. For more information on the conference, go to <http://www.seafwa.org/conferences/2017>.

MINRC will pay for the following expenses:

- 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, 2017 and must be submitted electronically to betty.bryant@agfc.ar.gov. Students will be notified during the week of October 1, 2017 to confirm their registration status, where and what time to report to the conference.



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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___

The following materials must accompany this completed application form:

- A brief statement on Why You Desire this Stipend?
- A copy of your most recent official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from your college advisor and a faculty member
- A resume
- Essay 500-1000 words

Applicants are required to submit a 500-1000 word essay. The best-written paper will qualify for the Teddy Roosevelt award given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Conference Topic: "**Creative Conservation Strategies for 21st Century Challenges**"

The essay topic is:

As a Minority pursuing a career in conservation, tell us what you believe are the most challenging conservation issues faced by your generation. Describe creative strategies that you, your peers, or your community can implement to address these conservation issues.

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