

# National Hispanic Environmental Council



## STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

### The 11th Annual NHEC MINORITY YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

“11 Days of Learning, A Lifetime of Experience”

An Environmental STEM Initiative

July 20–30, 2012 • Las Vegas, New Mexico

(You must answer all questions for your application to be considered)

### STUDENT INFORMATION

(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

How old are you now? (ex. 17, 18, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Citizen: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Legal Resident: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

Note: to avoid confusion you must check either U.S. Citizen OR Permanent Legal Resident—do not check both. That is because these are separate legal status. For example, if you were born in the U.S. or Puerto Rico then you are a US Citizen; if so you are not also a Legal Resident. You can only be one or the other.

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Your School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Current Grade Level: (ex.: 12<sup>th</sup> grade, college freshman, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

**Your current Grade Average or GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER QUESTIONS

(Note: there are no right or wrong answers to the following questions. They are being asked only to help NHEC better plan the coursework for the Institute and to understand students better. You should make an effort to answer every question in this section.

Do you plan to go to college? (check one):  Yes  No

Are you already in college? (check one):  Yes  No

If yes, what is your planned or current major in college? \_\_\_\_\_

What college(s) do you think you want to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not plan to go to college in the future, what job will you seek? Is it a job related to the environment? Please tell us \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly, tell us whatever you know about the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

U.S. EPA \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Forest Service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In the future, would you want to work for any of these federal environmental agencies?

Yes  No

If yes, which one \_\_\_\_\_

If not these federal agencies, do you have another in mind related to the environment?

Yes  No

Which government agency is that? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a government agency, where would you like to work in the future? (A company, an organization? etc). Tell us which one, if you know \_\_\_\_\_

## ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED INFORMATION

(If you need more space to respond, use extra paper and attach to this Form. Remember: the more you tell us about your background, the better your application will be.)

**List any past or present classes related to the environment** you have taken, in school or elsewhere: (for ex.-- biology, chemistry, botany, environmental research, environmental education courses, Outward Bound, etc). List where and when you took them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**List any past or present activities related to the environment** (ex. Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; environmental organization or outdoors club, either in school or elsewhere; 4-H Club; local park clean-up; environmental field trips; tree plantings; recycling club; Earth Day activities; etc.).

When did you pursue these activities? Give dates.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**List any jobs you have held related to the environment**, and give employer name and dates employed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**List other non-environmental organizations you are an active member of** (either in or outside school) that tells us more about you and you think we should know about. (ex. community organizations, church groups, volunteer groups, youth groups, sports clubs, minority organizations, etc.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCES

List one adult (other than family members) who can attest to your strong interest in the environment, or to your participation in some environmental activity, past or present. (For example: a teacher, principal, coach, school counselor, club president, employer, etc.)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is their relationship to you? (ex.: my teacher, supervisor, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER: All applicants must also submit an essay.** Please attach it to your Application Form. **See the document “Application Information: How to Apply” for more details on writing the essay.** This essay is an important part of the selection process and will be read carefully by NHEC. Also, there is a post-Institute component—students and parents must agree to be contacted periodically by NHEC so we can track students’ progress

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

(If it is the same as above, check here.) Same as above  If not, please fill in below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY INFORMATION TO KNOW AND REMEMBER:**

Read all materials and complete all required Forms. You must answer all questions; if your application package is incomplete it cannot be evaluated by NHEC, and will prevent you from being considered. Be sure to apply as soon as possible. Mail your completed application to the VA address below.

The Institute is for students aged 16–19, and will be held at New Mexico Highlands University and other sites in Northern NM. The Institute is open to all, and applicants from every race, gender, ethnicity, etc. are welcome to apply. The Institute is being funded by several federal environmental agencies; these are: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. EPA, USDA NRCS, and the U.S. Forest Service. If selected, NHEC will provide a scholarship that will cover all major costs of the 11 day Institute, including airfare, lodging, meals, local travel costs, and related educational materials. There is no fee to apply. However, if you are selected there is a \$25 registration fee for the 11 day Institute which covers certain costs to NHEC not underwritten by Institute sponsors. There is also a post-Institute follow-up process with students as described in the Fact Sheet. See our “Fact Sheet” and “Application Information: How to Apply” for detailed information on the Institute. NHEC reserves the right to make changes to the Institute, including revisions to the curriculum, as necessary. NHEC will provide Institute sponsorships to qualified students only up to the limits of available funding.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

(required for all applicants under 18).  
(Parents must sign their names clearly)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call or write NHEC at the address below. Mail completed applications to this address as well.

**National Hispanic Environmental Council**

Attention: NM Institute  
106 N. Fayette Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-683-3956

Fax: 703-256-8288

**Or visit us at our web page:** [www.nheec.org](http://www.nheec.org)

For more information: send an e-mail to Juan Rodriguez, NHEC Programs Coordinator, at [jrodriguez@nheec.org](mailto:jrodriguez@nheec.org)