

Dear Students, Educators, NHEC members, and Community Leaders:

For those who may not have seen our previous email, the National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) is still accepting applications from students to participate in our upcoming 9th annual "Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute", to be held August 13--22, 2010 in beautiful Glorieta, New Mexico.

Like our NYC and CA regional Institutes, the national Institute in New Mexico is an intensive, residential, multi-day, science-based environmental education AND environmental career awareness program for talented teens, **aged 16--19**, selected competitively from all across the U.S. Note that students in both high school and college are eligible to apply.

Through a full scholarship NHEC will COVER ALL COSTS for accepted students, including round-trip airfare, housing, meals, books, science equipment, and more for the 10 day long Institute.

The NM Institute is being funded by a number of sponsors, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the National Park Trust. Like past Institutes, we use a variety of facilities as learning sites, including national parks, national forests, national laboratories, and more.

Students will be housed at the Glorieta Conference Center and closely supervised by NHEC instructors and staff. The Institute is designed to help build the next generation of environmental leaders and professionals. Students learn about key environmental, energy, and natural resource topics, as well as the wide range of careers in the environmental, natural resource, and energy arena. Students also receive information about college majors and universities in these fields.

In addition to our Instructors, NHEC also has an overlay of "role models" -- working minority professionals from every environmental field -- who each year participate in the Institute as volunteers. A number of role models are present every day to inspire the students, help teach the curriculum, and share their environmental expertise, technical knowledge, and cultural heritage.

The attached pdf files contain all materials necessary for students to apply to the Institute. Please read the "Fact Sheet" first, as it has key information about the program. Interested students should apply as soon as possible as the Institute is fast approaching.

We also ask that you forward this email on to those you think might be interested in this highly educational program, including qualified students, fellow educators, high schools, colleges, youth organizations, and more. We appreciate your help.

Feel free to contact NHEC, especially our Programs Coordinator, Juan Rodriguez, at jrodriguez@nheec.org or myself, at rrivera@nheec.org if you have any questions. Thank you.

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