



Wilderness 50th Anniversary Committee National Wilderness Conference Youth Leader Scholarship Applications due May 16, 2014

Wilderness50 is committed to leadership development for wilderness stewardship, advocacy and management and to ensuring wilderness remains accessible to everyone. Scholarships will be awarded to youth who demonstrate leadership or are working towards a leadership role in wilderness education efforts, advocacy and community awareness.

Scholarships to attend the Wilderness 50th National Conference in October, 2014 will be awarded through this program. Scholarships will cover transportation to and from the event, food, lodging, conference fees and misc. expenses. The scholarships provide youth an opportunity to attend the conference who would otherwise be unable to attend. The scholarships will attempt to capture a broad range of backgrounds, viewpoints and geographic locations. The number and amount of scholarships will be based on available funding.



The National Wilderness Conference will be a historic multi-day event of diverse programs including presentations, panels, exhibits, field trips, skill-development workshops, and opportunities to fellowship and share information about recent advances and emerging issues in wilderness stewardship.

When: October 15-19, 2014; audience-specific pre-conference trainings will be offered October 1 (-15

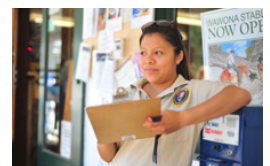
Where: [http://www.wilderness50.org](#) Albuquerque, NM

Goals for the National Wilderness Conference include:

- To provide a forum for discussing the growing challenges of perpetuating the values of Wilderness in a time of unprecedented environmental and social change.
- Deepen participants' engagement in Wilderness stewardship and enable their effective involvement in the difficult decisions which lie ahead.

Eligibility

- The scholarship is open to all U.S. residents between the ages of 18 and 25. You must be 18 by October 13, 2014.
- Agree to complete a 2 Wilderness Ambassador projects by September 3, 2015. The projects must be either service oriented or build awareness of Wilderness.



Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Plan and conduct a clean-up in a local natural area.
- Present a program on wilderness, benefits and current issues.
- Lead a bike ride to a natural area to introduce a community to nature.
- Work with a local organization to lead a Wilderness Jr. Ranger program.



- Complete a report on Ambassador projects including photos.
- Awardees will also have a work role in the conference.
- Conference attendees who are participating in the conference should not apply as their expenses should be covered by their sponsoring program.
- Applicants need not be part of any formal wilderness or environmental organization to apply.



Timeline



- Application Period begins April 1, 2014
 - Applications must be received or postmarked by May 16, 2014
 - Scholarships Awarded July 15, 2014
 - Arrive Albuquerque, New Mexico October 14, 2014
 - National Wilderness Conference October 15 to 19, 2014
 - Complete 2 Wilderness Ambassador projects by September 3, 2015
 - Submit project reports including images and/or videos October 1, 2015
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For further information visit:

<http://www.wilderness50th.org/>

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