



# 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 72<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Conference. The conference will be held on October 21, 2018 – October 24, 2018 in Mobile, Alabama. Students are expected to arrive on Saturday, October 20, 2018 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/2018>.

**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 07, 2018 and must be submitted electronically to [betty.bryant@agfc.ar.gov](mailto:betty.bryant@agfc.ar.gov). Students will be notified during the week of September 24, 2018 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: "Changing Demographics of Wildlife users/Recreationalist, Current Challenges and Future Solutions"

### 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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