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GRANT HISTORY

Encouraging awareness and understanding of environmental issues and promoting water resource stewardship, is a passion of George and Eva Raftelis. To this end, they created the Raftelis Foundation Environmental Education Scholarship (RFEES) to promote educational programs, provide educational materials, and fund environmental sustainability and water stewardship educational initiatives. The grant will focus on funding competitive financial awards to elementary or middle school educators. The RFEES seeks to educate young developing minds about the value of clean water and the importance of the water industry in providing clean water for health, recreational and business purposes.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted online at www.nconewater.org/EducatorApplication. All required forms, listed below, must be uploaded through the online system no later than March 15, 2023, for application to be considered.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Two letters from a school official, employer, or community official. (Max. one page each)
Signed letters must be submitted online at www.nconewater.org/ScholarshipRecLetter

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & FOLLOW-UP

A description of the project including total project cost and budget, environmental education objectives, methodology, relevant drawings, materials to be used, estimated hours for development and completion, and the completion date. There is an expectation that the project will be completed within one year after notification of the award. At the end of the project, the recipient should provide a report to NC One Water which will be shared with the donor. The report should describe the administration of the project and its accomplishments.

PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT & QUALIFICATION

Applicants must provide proof of employment as an educator and a statement of qualifications of the applicant for completing the project.

RAFTELIS FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION GRANT - 2023-2024

AWARD

One \$1,000 grant plus free attendance to the 2023 NC One Water Annual Conference

LEVEL AND LOCATION

Elementary or middle school teacher in North Carolina

PROJECT

The grant may be applied towards expenses related to a variety of clean water and environmental preservation educational initiatives, including educational materials (books, videos), travel for field trips, building materials specific to a project, enrollment fees for water-related short courses for educators, and prizes for competitions. The amount of the award will depend on the cost of the project(s) selected.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

None

RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY

The grant is for one year, but recipients are eligible to apply in future years.

PAYABLE TO

School, teacher, or facilitator

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The applicant must not be related to scholarship sponsors nor employed by such sponsors and not an employee of nor related to any officer or director of NC One Water, nor to any member of the Endowment Committee.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please do not submit any additional materials with your application. Materials that are not requested will not be reviewed nor will they be returned to you.

Notification letters will be mailed to all applicants by June 1, 2023.
If you have not received notification by July 1, please contact admin@nconewater.org.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2023

NC One Water (formerly NC One Water) is a volunteer association dedicated to providing water and wastewater education, training, and service to protect public health and the environment. All scholarships are made possible by the NC Safewater Endowment Fund.