



## NATIONAL MARINE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

### *Expanding Audiences Scholarship*

#### **Nominations for scholarships accepted through March 15**

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#### **The Expanding Audience Program**

A strategic goal of the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) is to increase the number of members who represent and/or educate underrepresented minorities including, but not limited to: people of color, indigenous people, island people, international communities, inland areas, and English-language learners. In 2009, the NMEA Board of Directors recommended that the Expanding Audience Committee establish a program to recruit and assist individuals from groups underrepresented in science, or those who serve underrepresented or underserved audiences, to help facilitate the realization of that goal. The intent is to support qualified individuals to share their expertise, experiences and perspectives through active participation in NMEA Annual Conferences and the creation of a product that will benefit the larger marine and aquatic education community. **Current or past NMEA members are not eligible for this scholarship.** Any current NMEA members may use this form to nominate an interested candidate for the scholarship. **Self-nominations from eligible non-NMEA members are also encouraged and welcomed.**

#### **Requirements**

Nominated candidates should:

- be from a group underrepresented in science or serve underrepresented or underserved audiences as defined above;
- be currently involved or interested in research and/or education that includes marine or aquatic topics;
- be interested in contributing to and learning from marine and aquatic educators; and
- commit to co-creating (with the Expanding Audience committee and/or nominator) a product using the information and inspiration gained at the NMEA Conference (see the end of the application for more information on product options).

#### **Selection and Award**

Successful applicants will receive varying scholarship amounts to the conference that could cover registration to the 2019 NMEA Conference and membership in NMEA for one year. Additional travel funds may also be awarded at the Expanding Audience committee's discretion. All nominations that are received by the deadline will be acknowledged. Committee decisions will be made and awardees will be notified by April 15, in order to be able to register before the early bird registration deadline. Registration and any travel support will be managed via reimbursement. Successful applicants have 90 days after the last day of the conference to submit their paperwork and receipts to receive the scholarship.



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**NOMINATION FORM** *(Self-nominations are encouraged and welcome)*

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**NOMINATOR INFORMATION** *(if applicable)*

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

How long have you been a member of NMEA? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the capacity in which you know the candidate. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

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

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need to apply for a visa to travel to the United States?     YES     NO

If yes, does your country require a letter of support for your travel to the conference?

YES     NO

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best year-round E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer address and phone number (if different): \_\_\_\_\_



3. Describe what specific information or skills you believe you/the nominee will be able to share and/or gain at the NMEA conference. Please note that there are many opportunities for informal sharing of ideas, so in order to share information, the candidate need not make a formal presentation.
4. Describe the product you are committed to co-creating after the NMEA conference. If you are applying yourself, the Expanding Audience committee will assist you with creating your product. Examples of products may include but are not limited to the following:
- An article for publication in NMEA News or *Current: The Journal of Marine Education*;
  - A presentation to a local NMEA Chapter (see <http://www.marine-ed.org/chapters.html>);
  - A proposal for presentation at the NMEA 2019 Annual Conference in Durham, New Hampshire;
  - A lesson plan incorporating new material gained from the conference that can be published in one of the NMEA’s publications (NMEA News or *Current*);
  - Or you may propose something else you can co-create that utilizes what you (and your nominator if applicable) gained from attending the conference.

**Financial Hardship Scholarship (FHS)**

If you are an Expanded Audience applicant and would not be able to front the amount of the scholarship, you can apply for the “Financial Hardship Scholarship (FHS)”

- Receipts (registration, hotel, airline) are processed through reimbursement.
  - Would it be a financial hardship to front the amount of the EA scholarship and await reimbursement? *If yes, please explain:*
  
- NMEA does not cover all costs of the conference, only up to the received scholarship amount.

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Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Nominator’s Signature (if applicable)

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Date