2021-2022 Raftelis Foundation Environment Education Grant

Scholarship Details

**Award**  One $1,000 scholarship  
Plus free attendance at the 2021 NC AWWA-WEA Annual Conference

**Level & Location**  Elementary or middle school or elementary or middle school teacher in North Carolina

**Project**  The scholarship may be applied towards expenses related to a variety of diverse clean water and environmental preservation educational initiatives including educational materials (books, video's), 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**  The scholarship 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 officer or director of NC AWWA-WEA, nor to any member of the Endowment Committee.

Past Scholarship Recipients

2018 Claire Harrington, Southport Elementary School
2015 Keisha Lipe, City of Asheville
2014 Jenny Waisner, City of Salisbury, Stormwater Division
2013 Maggie Hennessy, NC AWWA-WEA Model Water Tower Competition

Encouraging awareness and understanding of environmental issues, and in particular, 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 reading and video materials, and fund environmental sustainability and water stewardship educational initiatives. The scholarship program will focus on funding competitive financial awards to elementary or middle school educators that have as a major objective, educating elementary or middle school students. Specifically, 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.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 26, 2021**

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How to Apply

All applications must be submitted online at www.ncsafewater.org/Educator

Forms
All required forms, listed below, must be uploaded with the application through the online system no later than March 26, 2021 for application to be considered.

Recommendation Letters
At least two letters from a school official, employer, or community official, no longer than one page each. Letters must be submitted in sealed envelopes signed by the instructor.

Project Description & Follow-up
A detailed description of the project including total cost of the project and a budget, environmental education objectives, methodology, relevant drawings, materials to be used, estimated hours for development and completion of the initiative, and the completion date. There is an expectation that the project will be completed within one year after notification of the scholarship award.

Written commitment to provide a report to NC AWWA-WEA at the end of the project, which will be shared with the donor. The report will be expected to provide details of the administration of the project and its accomplishments.

Proof of Employment & Qualification
• Proof of employment as an educator;
• Statement of qualifications of the applicant for performing the project

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.

Selection Notification
Notification letters will be mailed to all applicants by June 1, 2021.

If you do not receive notification by July 1st, please contact NC AWWA-WEA staff member Marianne Keser at (919) 784-9030 x 1003 or mkese@ncsafewater.org.

Selection Criteria
The NC AWWA-WEA Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate each application carefully and consider the following criteria:

• The quality and completeness of the application
• The qualifications of the applicant
• Content of the essay
• Recommendation of instructors
• Other information requested in the application

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

Scholarship Selection Committee
A NC AWWA-WEA Scholarship Selection Committee of knowledgeable community leaders (a majority of whom shall not be members or employees of NC AWWA-WEA) who are committed to environmental and water resource education will then evaluate applications for merit and award. Eligibility and awards are determined at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee. All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee are final and are not subject to appeal. Applications will be screened for form and relevance.

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