

# NEEEA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2010

## ~ Call for Applications ~

The New England Environmental Education Alliance (NEEEA) is seeking applications for recognition of outstanding environmental educators and programs **from the New England region** in three categories:

- Non-formal Environmental Educator Award
- Formal Environmental Educator Award
- Environmental Program Award

Applications may be submitted either by the nominee or on his/her behalf by a colleague. **Applications are due by September 15, 2010.** The selection criteria for each of the awards are as follows:

The **Non-formal Environmental Educator Award** is designed to recognize environmental education professionals who work outside the formal classroom setting. The award recipient:

- makes **continuous and enduring** contributions to environmental education; indicate how long the nominee has been working in EE and ways that s/he has had a long term or ripple effect on participants and/or colleagues;
- demonstrates capacity for **creating and implementing** successful EE activities;
- shows **creative and innovative approaches** to EE programming;
- demonstrates **personal involvement** in state and/or regional EE community;
- makes a **permanent contribution** to EE by integrating with formal education systems, promoting the environmental education profession, or providing training or resources to other EE professionals.

The **Formal Environmental Educator Award** is designed to recognize a public or private school classroom teacher who:

- promotes individual and societal environmental **responsibility**;
- encourages students to **make informed decisions** about environmental issues;
- inspires student **involvement and action** through individual or group projects to effect positive environmental change at school or within the local community; please provide examples of this impact on the school or local community or changes in student behavior or attitudes;
- **links student learning** to the appropriate state or national science benchmarks, curriculum frameworks, or standards;
- **inspires** colleagues to engage in EE activities or participate in school EE projects.

The **Maria Pirie Environmental Program Award** is designed to recognize an outstanding environmental education program that is:

- **innovative and creative; implemented broadly; easily replicated** in other regions; **sustainable**; has a **strong evaluation component**, and results in **demonstrated action** by participants.

NEEEA awards will be presented at the annual conference, *Create, Cultivate, Collaborate: Designing Our Shared Future*, **October 21, 22, and 23, 2010 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont.**

Please complete the application form attached to nominate yourself or a colleague for one of the 2010 awards. **Submission by e-mail is required.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

Ruth Smith      NEEEA Awards Committee Chair      (603) 783-4656      [ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net)

Please Note: Individuals that serve as NEEEA Board Members and the programs those individuals oversee are not eligible to receive NEEEA awards during their term of service and for one year after.

## NEEEA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2010

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Award category: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Organization./School Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title or Grade and subject Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information of person nominating this individual or program** (if different than nominee):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Has the applicant attended a NEEEA Conference? YES / NO When? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant a member of his/her state environmental education organization? YES / NO

Will the applicant attend the conference and accept the award in person? YES / NO / Not Sure

If awarded, will the applicant be willing to present a workshop at a future NEEEA Conference? YES / NO

### HOW TO APPLY:

Complete this form and submit it with the items requested below, on or before **September 15, 2010**.

**Please e-mail application and submission materials to:**

Ruth Smith  
Subject: NEEEA Awards  
ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net

Include as attachments with your application the following:

1. A narrative essay of no more than 1,000 words which explains how the applicant meets the award criteria.
2. Supportive evidence of the applicant's commitment to the award criteria. Examples include digital samples of handouts, student work, photos, newspaper articles, newsletters, etc. Please submit documents in Word or PDF format.
3. At least three letters of support from school administrators, colleagues, parents and/or students, including e-mail and phone contact information for each supporter. These letters of reference/support should address how the applicant meets the criteria listed for the award they are nominated for. A phone interview with these references may be scheduled and conducted by the NEEEA Awards review committee.

### THE SELECTION PROCESS

All materials are due by **September 15, 2010**. Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Awards Committee of the NEEEA board. All applicants will be notified immediately following final selection.

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