

NEEEA

New England Environmental Education Alliance

The Richard Haley Memorial Scholarship

History and Purpose: Richard Haley was an active and long-time member of NEEEA, conducting workshops, training administrators, serving on the board and ultimately serving as board president. One of his last acts of service to NEEEA was facilitating the board's strategic planning session in February of 2006. We wish to both honor his legacy and continue his good work with a scholarship opportunity that links Richard and NEEEA's mission: to promote quality environmental education across New England in partnership with the state environmental education organizations.

In honor of Richard Haley's life, and to encourage others to explore, diversify and deepen their own excitement about the joy full and important work of environmental education, NEEEA has established the Richard Haley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship seeks to encourage and support the many wonderful qualities that Richard embodied and espoused: a commitment to nature, to good science, and to integrated arts. He was a consummate naturalist, talented musician, lover of literature and writing, the arts, and had an unquenchable thirst for nature. In all of these spheres, his wit, leadership, dedication and (happily) quirky ways came shining through. He never lost his knack for motivating audiences, regardless of their age, interests, or baggage.

This scholarship seeks to support a New England Environmental Educator or student (college level or senior in high school).who wishes to attend a training, workshop, conference or take a course that exemplifies and embodies the creative, quirky, broad based talents that Richard brought to EE. The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to EE and should be looking to broaden and deepen their commitment to EE in a creative yet serious way.

The selection committee will consider all applications that aspire to the varied talents of Richard, which can include music, storytelling, writing, economics training, advanced naturalist training, leadership, etc. The opportunity must be adaptable to EE.

REQUIREMENTS:

- The award of up to \$500 will be honored annually at the NEEEA conference.
- NEEEA will arrange pre and post scholarship award publicity through press releases and possibly radio/TV interviews.
- This scholarship must be used before the next NEEEA conference

- The recipient is expected to share the experience in one of the following ways;
 - an article for the NEEEA web site or
 - a workshop or a display at the following NEEEA fall conference
- A final accounting will include: copies of receipts and a closure letter describing the final product
- Current NEEEA Board members are not eligible.

The Application: electronic or paper and must include:

- The brochure or blurb or announcement of the event
- A short essay of 500 words maximum, describing how this experience will be integrated into the applicant's EE work
- Simple budget demonstrating how the money will be spent

The Selection Committee shall consist of a minimum of 3, at least 1 NEEEA board member and 2 others as determined by the NEEEA board. The Selection Committee will make the decision and keep records, not only of the selected recipient, but of all applicants.

- The funds shall be sent directly to the applicant.
- If the applicant is unable to attend due to illness or other family emergency, and the fee is refundable, the money shall go to one of the next two people in line as selected by the committee. If this is not possible due to time constraints, the money shall be held over until the following year.
- Repayment of the scholarship amount will be expected if terms are not met.

Application: Richard Haley Memorial Scholarship

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Employer/School:

Address:

Phone:

Reference: Please include contact information and relationship to you.

Workshop/Conference/Training you hope to attend, including a description, brochure, website or announcement of the event.

Short Essay attached explaining why you would like to attend, what you expect to gain by attending and how this experience will be integrated into your EE work. Max: 500 words.

What product/project/service will you provide to NEEEA based on your attendance? (examples: article for website, presentation, workshop or display at the next NEEEA conference;)

Applications must be sent electronically, to:

Ruth Smith, Awards Committee Chair

Subject: NEEEA - Richard Haley Memorial Scholarship

ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net

Deadline for application: September 15, 2010

The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.