

Clearpool Partner School Program for Environmental Science and Experiential Learning

2017-2018 School Scholarship Application

The Clearpool Partner School Program is a year-long academic commitment between your School Superintendent, School Principal, Teachers, and Clearpool. We ask that you review this scholarship application carefully and that the Superintendent, Principal and all involved teachers gain a full understanding of the partnership requirements before deciding to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact Zoe Fonseca at our office at (845)-279-2995, ext. 607.
All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2017.

School Information

School Name and Address:

Superintendent Name: _____

Principal Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Has your school visited Clearpool? When? _____

Please respond to the following questions. You may type directly after each question or attach an extra sheet.

A. Need of the Students

1. Demographics (school-wide):

African-American

Asian

Hispanic or of Hispanic Origin

Caucasian

Other. Please describe. _____

2. Percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch (school-wide): _____

3. Percentage meeting standards in the following subjects (school-wide):

Science _____ Math _____ Reading _____

4. Has your school ever been categorized, due to student performance data, as a School In Need of Improvement, as per No Child Left Behind Legislation? _____

5. What else would you like us to know about the students at your school?

B. Potential Impact on Students

1. How many students total would you bring to Clearpool? What grade(s)? Would students visit Clearpool together or in separate groups? How many visits to Clearpool per group?

2. In our experience, we find longer trips (3 days/2 nights) have more of an impact than shorter trips. Please tell us how long your trip would be, how many times you will visit Clearpool, whether you would reside on campus or travel to campus each day.

Length of Program

- 1 day
- 2 day 2 days/1 night
- 3 day 3 days/2 nights

Visits to Clearpool per group

- Group: _____ Fall Spring Both
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- Group: _____ Fall Spring Both

3. How would programming at Clearpool address the needs of your students or staff?

Desired outcomes established by Clearpool education staff for the Partner School Program are as follows:

I. Academic Outcomes:

- Students develop concept knowledge in the disciplines of science, the natural environment and health;
- Students understand problem solving, researching and hypothesizing, and collecting and interpreting data;
- Students demonstrate the ability to construct analysis based on synthesis of information.

II. Environmental Ethic Outcomes:

- Students improve understanding of and attitude toward the environment;
- Students begin to develop environmentally conscious behaviors.

III. Teambuilding Outcomes:

- Students work collaboratively with others; use careful and rational evaluation and judgment;
- Students take ownership of personal actions, decisions and choices;
- Students possess a sense of self-worth and leadership and;
- Students recognize that personal choices impact the future.

4. How will your in-school curriculum support the above stated goals?

5. Are there additional outcomes you want your students to achieve?

C. Cost of Trip

We have a limited scholarship fund, therefore, we must balance the potential impact on students with the funds required to deliver that programming. In the past, schools have been responsible for a minimum of 50% of the cost of the programming. We no longer require 50%, but the ability and willingness of the school to pay a portion of the cost of the programming will make a difference in our funding decision. Please see fee schedule.

1. How much would your school, through its regular budget, grants or fundraising efforts, be able to contribute toward the full cost of the trip?

2. How would you raise funds to be able to participate? Do you have money set aside in your school budget? Would you apply for specific grants? How would you fundraise?

D. Collaboration of School

We are not looking simply to distribute scholarship funds, but are instead hoping to build partnerships between Clearpool and Scholarship Schools. We will prioritize schools that are willing and able to partner with Clearpool staff in the development and execution of the program. Most importantly, we want schools and staff partner with us in the evaluation of the program so that we can continue to improve the program and raise funds for the scholarship program. A school with a positive history of collaboration with Clearpool will receive preference in the subsequent years over a school with no history or poor history of collaboration.

1. What data would you be able to collect from parents, teachers and students to help us evaluate the effectiveness of the program?

2. What are the steps you will take to generate support among:

Staff expected to attend

Parents

Students

Superintendent

3. A Clearpool School Scholarship Agreement requires some paperwork and follow-through on efforts relating to fundraising, curriculum planning, scheduling and program evaluation. Who at your school will be responsible, and what is their experience in such tasks? Please give examples.

4. What is your school's expectation from this partnership?

Is there any additional information that you would like to add to this application?

Superintendent Signature:

Principal Signature:

Lead/Contact Teacher Signature:

Scholarship applications must be received by March 31, 2017.

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