

Dear Prospective Partner School Scholarship Applicant:

As an educator, you understand the value of providing enriching experiences beyond the classroom. We would like to introduce you to Green Chimneys Clearpool Campus, a 350-acre outdoor education and recreation facility designed to support students' academic and interpersonal development through engaging, hands-on experiences. Located in Putnam County, just 60 miles north of New York City, Clearpool offers an array of activities to enhance your in-school curriculum with nature-based education, experiential learning and exciting team-building exercises.

We are proud to announce **scholarship opportunities** for the **2017-2018 Clearpool Partner School Program for Environmental Science and Experiential Learning**, an educational program to enrich learning and broaden experiences for urban students. We will offer **up to \$50,000 in scholarships to New York State Public Schools and programs.**

Our innovative Partner School Program is a highly sought-after resource by many schools. Teachers report that after participating in the program, students demonstrate significant academic improvement in core subjects and, equally important, teachers note improved teamwork, communication, and leadership within the classroom. Our 2016-2017 Partner Schools included Harbor Heights, Leadership Prep Brownsville, Cambria Heights, and PS 307 and more.

In February 2017, we will begin accepting scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Completed applications must be signed by the school principal and superintendent, and **returned to Clearpool by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.** *To be eligible, schools must commit to a minimum of 2 full-days of programs ( two single day trips or an overnight trip).* In addition, Partner Schools will be required to participate in pre and post trip activities and assessments.

We appreciate your help in communicating this exciting opportunity to your schools. Funding is limited and applications are evaluated based on the needs of the students, potential impact on their learning, cost of the program selected, and the potential for meaningful collaboration. The enclosed application can also be downloaded from our website at **[www.greenchimneys.org/clearpool](http://www.greenchimneys.org/clearpool).**

Thank you for supporting the continued success of the Clearpool Partner School Program. For more information, please contact Zoe Fonseca, Program Manager at 845.225.8226 ext.607 or [zfonseca@greenchimneys.org](mailto:zfonseca@greenchimneys.org)