

**DELAWARE ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**  
*Expanding Audience Conference Scholarship Program*

**Nominations for scholarships accepted through January 20, 2019**

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**The Expanding Audience Program**

A strategic goal of the Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) is to increase the number of members who represent and/or educate underrepresented minorities including, but not limited to: people of color, indigenous people, island people, international communities, and English-language learners. In 2016, the DAEE Board decided to establish a program to recruit and assist individuals from groups underrepresented in science, or those who serve underrepresented or underserved audiences, to help facilitate the realization of that goal. The intent is to support qualified individuals to share their expertise, experiences and perspectives through active participation in DAEE Annual Conferences and the creation of a product that will benefit the larger environmental education community. **Current or past DAEE members are not eligible for this conference scholarship.** Any current DAEE members may use this form to nominate an interested candidate for the scholarship. **Self-nominations from eligible non-DAEE members are also encouraged and welcome.**

**Requirements**

Nominated candidates should:

- be from a group underrepresented in science or serve underrepresented or underserved audiences;
- currently be involved or interested in research and/or education that includes environmental topics;
- be interested in contributing to and learning from environmental educators; and
- commit to co-creating (with the Expanding Audience committee and/or nominator) a product using the information and inspiration gained at the DAEE Conference (see the end of the application for more information on product options).

**Selection and Award**

Successful applicants will receive free registration to the next DAEE Annual Conference and membership in DAEE for one year. All nominations that are received by the deadline will be considered. Committee decisions will be made and awardees will be notified by January 23, 2019, in order to be able to register before the early bird registration deadline. **Scholarships are only valid for the next annual conference. Deferral to a future conference is not permitted.**

*Thank you to the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) for their work with underrepresented groups, and allowing DAEE to use their Expanding Audience Scholarship protocol, application, and rubric.*

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**Self-nominations are encouraged and welcome**

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION (if applicable)**

Check here if this is a self-nomination.

Name:

How long have you been a member of DAEE?

How long have you known the candidate?

Please describe the capacity in which you know the candidate.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Name:

Occupation:

Institution:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip/Postal code:

Day phone:

Evening phone:

Best year-round E-mail address:

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. This scholarship program was created to recruit and assist individuals from groups underrepresented in science, or those who serve underrepresented or underserved audiences, to attend DAEE Annual Conferences. Briefly explain how this applies to the candidate and be as specific as possible when defining/describing the underrepresented groups that the nominee either represents or serves.

2. If applicable, describe how the candidate is currently involved in environmental research and/or education. If the candidate is not currently involved in environmental research and/or education, explain why you are nominating this candidate. Specifically, please describe why the candidate is interested in attending the DAEE Conference and how they will utilize this experience in their work with diverse audiences.

3. Describe what specific information or skills you believe the candidate will be able to share and/or gain at the DAEE conference. Please note that there are many opportunities for informal sharing of ideas, so in order to share information, the candidate need not make a formal presentation.

4. Describe the product you and the candidate are committed to co-creating after the DAEE Conference. If you are self-nominating, the Expanding Audience committee will assist you with creating your product. Examples of products may include but are not limited to the following:

- An article for publication in DAEE quarterly newsletter;
- A proposal for presentation at the next DAEE Annual Conference;
- A lesson/program plan incorporating new material gained from the conference that can be published on the DAEE website and/or in the DAEE newsletter;
- Or you may propose something else you can co-create that utilizes what you both gained from attending the conference.

Nominator's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Rubric for scoring Expanding Audiences Nominations

1. This scholarship program was created to recruit and assist individuals from diverse backgrounds, or those who serve diverse audiences, to attend DAEE Annual Conferences. Briefly explain how this applies to the candidate and be as specific as possible when defining/describing the underrepresented groups that the nominee either represents or serves.

Specific, well thought out explanation, that clearly illustrates reaching or representing underserved or underrepresented groups = 4

Generalities, non specific explanation = 2

No explanation or no underserved or underrepresented group clearly identified = 0

2. If applicable, describe how the candidate is currently involved in environmental research and/or education. If the candidate is not currently involved in environmental research and/or education, explain why you are nominating this candidate. Specifically, please describe why the candidate is interested in attending the DAEE Conference and how they will utilize this experience in their work with diverse audiences.

Candidate has demonstrated a deep interest in, and/or experience with, environmental research or education, and a strong intent to utilize the DAEE experience in their work with diverse audiences = 4

Candidate has demonstrated some interest in, and/or experience with, environmental research or education, and an intent to utilize the DAEE experience in their work with diverse audiences = 2

Candidate has not demonstrated an interest in, and/or experience with, environmental research or education, or an intent to utilize the DAEE experience in their work with diverse audiences = 0

3. Describe what specific information or skills you believe the candidate will be able to share and/or gain at the DAEE Conference. Please note that there are many opportunities for informal sharing of ideas, so in order to share information, they need not make a formal presentation.

Candidate possess significant specific information and/or skills to share with or gain from the DAEE Community = 4

Candidate possess some specific information and/or skills to share with or gain from DAEE Community = 2

Candidate does not appear to have any specific information and/or skills to share with or gain from DAEE Community = 0

4. Describe the product you and the candidate are committed to co-creating after the DAEE conference.

Specific, well thought out explanation on a product that will benefit DAEE members= 4

Generalities, non specific explanation or a product that may not adequately serve the needs of DAEE members = 2

No explanation or a product unrelated to the needs of DAEE members= 0