



American Trails 2019 International Trails Symposium Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program

Actively seeking diverse applicants ages 21-28 to attend on scholarship.

Deadline October 15, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Pacific.

Overview

Through funds provided by generous sponsors and partners, American Trails is proud to offer up to 16 scholarships for the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program to young adults between the ages of 21-28 to attend the **24th International Trails Symposium (ITS) and Training Institute** to be held in Syracuse, New York April 28 to May 1, 2019. In addition to attending ITS, scholarship recipients will:

- Engage in discussions with career advisors
- Network with Symposium participants
- Deliver a professional group presentation on your ITS experience in a dedicated concurrent session
- Work together on a Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) trail service project
- Enjoy a field day highlighting trail issues and opportunities

The Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program will provide unique training and mentoring opportunities to inspire young adults to choose a career path so they can leave a lasting legacy on the world. Scholarship candidates should be young adults who have an interest in trails, conservation, and/or outdoor recreation and are interested in learning about these as potential career paths.

Diversity and inclusivity are important to us so that we can meet everyone's deepest needs, values, and long-term interests. We welcome individuals of all backgrounds to apply regardless of past trails experience. We are more interested in potential.

Scholarship funds will cover the cost of ITS registration, airfare, Syracuse ground transportation, lodging, and meals. Scholarship recipients will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 (the full cost is \$2,500), except in cases in which the need to have the \$100 fee waived is demonstrated. The \$100 fee will go towards the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are expected to participate fully in the Symposium and all scheduled group activities, including a group dinner and orientation prior to the Symposium (April 27). Recipients must arrive no later than the morning/afternoon on April 27 and stay through the duration of the conference (departing on May 2).

To apply for a scholarship, please complete the [online form](#). (A Google account is required in order to submit an application online. If you do not have a Google account, fill in the two-page application below, provide the additional items requested, and email to candace@americantrails.org with the subject line: ITS 2019 Emerging Leaders Scholarship - Your Name.)

Eligibility Requirements:

- 21-28 years of age at the time of the Symposium (April 28 to May 1, 2019)
- High school diploma or GED
- Interest in career paths related to trails, conservation, and/or outdoor recreation
- Demonstrate drive, maturity, and leadership potential
- Availability to participate in a phone/video interview

Timeline:

- Scholarship application deadline is October 15, 2018
- Phone/video interviews with top 20 scholarship applicants in November
- Notifications of scholarship winners is December 15, 2018



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip / Postal Code _____

Country _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age on April 28, 2019 _____

How did you hear about the Emerging Leaders Program? _____

Are you able to meet the eligibility requirements noted on this page and participate in all of the activities described on the previous page?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are you able to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit to help cover conference fees? Also, can you cover your meals while traveling and transportation expenses (bus, taxi, etc.) between your residence and airport? (Please note: your flights to and from the Symposium, meals during the Symposium, field trip costs, and ground transportation and lodging in Syracuse will be covered through the scholarship.)

_____ Yes _____ No

If you cannot pay the \$100 fee and cover the described expenses, we do have a small number of 100% need-based scholarships. Please use this space to tell us more about your financial situation.



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It's important to us to have a diverse group of young adults and future leaders participate in the program. Please tell us more about yourself:

What race(s) do you identify with the most?

African American or Black
 Asian
 White
 Prefer not to answer

American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Hispanic or Latino
 Other Race _____

What is your nationality and/or cultural identity? _____

Are you fluent in English (speaking and writing)? If not, what is your first language? _____
 Yes No

What, if any, second language might you speak fluently? _____

What is your gender identity?

Male Female Genderqueer/non-binary Prefer not to answer

Additional Requirements:

1. Include your **resume** (including volunteer/work experience) or some similar document to tell us more about your background and interests.
2. Include one **letter of recommendation**.
3. Include a **short essay** (250 words or less) to let us know why you are interested in the opportunity and what you hope to take away from the experience.

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Questions? Email Candace Gallagher, Emerging Leaders Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at candace@americantrails.org or call (530) 645-3096.

Learn More:

- Learn more about the [Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program](#).
- Learn more about the [American Trails 2019 International Trails Symposium](#).
- Learn more about [American Trails](#).

The Emerging Leader Scholarship Program was named in honor of lifelong trail activist Hulet Hornbeck. Hulet was a key player in organizing the first National Trails Symposium in 1971, and was a founding board member of the National Trails Council, predecessor to American Trails. He actively served on the Board of Directors for American Trails for over 16 years. The program is intended to inspire young adults to choose a career path so they can leave a lasting legacy on the world— as Hulet did.

[Learn more about Hulet's life and accomplishments here.](#)