**2023** **James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp Application Requirements**

**CAMPS: Colby, DeBruce, Rushford & Pack** **Forest**

**Due Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

1. **About the Scholarship:**

The Air & Waste Management Association - Niagara Frontier Section (AWMA-NFS) will be sponsoring and selecting qualified candidates who sincerely want to spend a week at a NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp learning about the environment. AWMA-NFS will provide the $350 cost of the camp. **Parents are required to provide travel to and from the camp of their choice.**

**II.        Applicants must:**

* Meet eligibility requirements – campers from age 11 – 17, refer to the NYSDEC website for details at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>
* Be willing to participate in strenuous activities such as backpacking and canoeing
* Be sincerely interested in an **outdoor** learning experience.

**III.       Candidate Selection:**

* Candidates will be selected based on their interest to attend camp, as expressed through the required essay.
* There is no limit on how many times a camper may be awarded a scholarship. However, first-time campers are given priority.

**IV.       Application:**

* Write a 1-page (or less) essay about why you want to attend the NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp. Please print, type, or e-mail your essay. Indicate if you are affiliated with a member of AWMA-NFS and include your name, address, email address/phone number of parent/guardian along with age at time of camp on the essay.

**V.        Registration:**

* NYSDEC has changed their application process, with most of it now being online.  After AWMA-NFS picks successful candidates, we will inform the NYSDEC who they are and will pay for them. **It is then up to the parents to register the campers online for the week they want.** Camper registration begins **Sunday,** **January 29, 2023 at 10 AM (this is a tentative date).**

**VI.       Send Application:** Mail or e-mail contact information and completed essay to:

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 Buffalo, NY 14218

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Questions can be directed to Lori by email.

**Complete applications must be received by Tuesday, January 10, 2023**