

Joie's Daisies Scholarships Available for AEOE Spring Conference!

Joie's Daisies Scholarships began when a group of naturalists at the Fall, 1999 Northern AEOE conference decided that they wanted to do something in Joie Armstrong's memory, something to help naturalists new to the field. Joie Armstrong worked passionately as a Naturalist at Yosemite Institute. In July, 1999, the AEOE community was shocked and deeply saddened by the news of her tragic death.

The home that she lived in was originally a pioneer home and had feral daisies, which were descendants of those planted by the original homeowner. Most of them were fading in the summer heat, and shortly before her death, Joie was trying to give them a little more life by hauling water from the stream and bringing it to the flowers one heavy bucketful at a time. During the FBI's thorough investigation of the area, a ranger noticed the flowers and took pity on them. He was seen making the same trips to the river to extend their lives yet a little longer.

AEOE is one group that has taken on the job of keeping the next generation of Joie's daisies alive, metaphorically speaking. We have many scholarships available in amounts up to \$100 each. Our scholarship fund comes from money raised at our silent and live auctions at our statewide conferences. The scholarships are available to those who would normally not be able to afford to attend the conference. Interns and students will receive priority, although we encourage you to apply even if you are a full-time employee with financial need.

Remember by participating, you're helping to honor a wonderful person whose name and life deserves to be remembered!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Scholarships are not transferable.
- Scholarships are not available for folks whose programs fund their attendance already.
- Your application must be postmarked by the conference early deadline **March 17, 2012!**
- Scholarships are for *up to* **\$100**, so you must pay a minimum fee of \$50 for conference registration. If you can afford to pay more, please request a smaller scholarship to help the scholarship funds stretch farther so more people may attend.
- You must also pay your membership dues if you are not a member or if your membership has expired. \$15/yr student/intern membership \$25/yr regular membership.
- The scholarship is only for registration. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt or sign up for a paid workshop, you must pay full price for these items.
- By applying for this scholarship, you agree to allow AEOE to use all or portions of your scholarship application in AEOE publications (print or online) and in AEOE publicity. If you prefer to retain anonymity, please indicate this on your scholarship application.
- This application **DOES NOT** guarantee you will receive a scholarship to the conference. If you do not receive a scholarship, you can choose to pay the full early registration conference fee or you can request that your check be returned. The scholarship committee will contact all applicants by two weeks after the deadline.

Joie's Daisies Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship! We are excited to have the opportunity to help you attend the conference, while remembering the life of Joie Armstrong. Please follow the steps below:

- Fill out a registration form for the conference found in the spring newsletter or online at aeoe.org
- Fill out the Scholarship Application form below
- Send your conference registration form, scholarship application and your check for your conference registration fees (calculated by subtracting the scholarship amount you are requesting from the total cost of early registration, membership dues, and paid workshops), postmarked by **March 17 2012** to:
Laura Vandezande
PO Box 193
Avalon, CA 90704

Please contact Laura Vandezande lauraleaf23@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

AEOE Spring Conference Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Program/School Affiliation: _____

Supervisor's signature: _____ Supervisor's phone/email: _____

By signing here, I acknowledge that the applicant has a financial need and will benefit from receiving a scholarship to the conference

1. Answer **one** (or more, if you are inspired) of the following questions by writing an essay or by responding in your own way, i.e. drawing, song, diagram, etc.

- What does this year's conference theme mean to you?
- Explain your current situation and why you feel a scholarship to this conference will be beneficial to you.
- Why are you drawn to the environmental and outdoor education field?
- What are your aspirations and dreams for the future?
- Come up with a lesson plan detailing how you'll inspire your students to keep the lessons of outdoor education going after they've gotten home. Extra points if it includes a way for them to reach out and pass the torch (or bucket) to others!

2. Determine your cost. The maximum scholarship amount you may receive is **\$100**. **YOU MUST ALSO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED** (\$15 student/intern, \$25 regular).

Conference early registration fee	\$	<u>150</u>
Subtract workshop presenter discount (if applicable) <i>(Accepted workshops only, discount applicable for Lead Presenter only)</i>	(- \$75)	-\$ _____
Subtract amount you can afford to pay for registration (minimum \$50)	- \$	_____
= Total scholarship amount requested (maximum \$100)	\$	_____

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