

# 2024 KARL KNAPP EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

**PURPOSE:** This program provides financial support to students and young professionals who would otherwise be unable to attend California Trails and Greenways.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES:**

Scholarship funds will cover some or all of these costs - early bird registration, lodging and/or transportation. Transportation funds are limited. We strongly encourage scholarship applicants to demonstrate some contribution of personal funds towards their attendance of the Conference.

1. Full Conference Scholarship:
  - One full early bird conference registration which includes certain meals
  - Up to two nights lodging at Conference hotel or equivalent or up to two nights at a nearby campground
  - Travel reimbursement (receipts are required; not to exceed \$250)
2. Partial Conference Scholarship:
  - One full early bird conference registration which includes certain meals
  - Lodging and travel not included

Note: Scholarship recipients are responsible for meals not provided by conference registration and any costs associated with workshops, guests, or merchandise.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Scholarship recipients are expected to participate fully in the events and all scheduled activities, including keynote presentations, educational sessions, and networking opportunities. In addition, scholarship recipients are asked to complete a report of their attendance including photos. The following are the eligibility requirements:

- Ages 18 to 25 (at start of the conference)
- Resident of California
- Proven interest in and commitment to trails, outdoor recreation or careers related to trails
- Attending or plans to attend college to pursue recreation, conservation, or related field of study
- Has work experience on a trail related project (as a volunteer ok)
- Demonstrates financial need
- Has not received a scholarship in the past three 3 years

### **APPLICATION:**

Interested individuals may submit Application Form and a one-page essay describing your interest, need and how you meet the criteria. Applications will be accepted until February 29. Selected applicants will be notified by March 15. Scholarships will be awarded as applications are received and until available funding is expended. Submit questions and application to [sarah@catrailsconference.org](mailto:sarah@catrailsconference.org).

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization/College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone / Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I represent the following:**

- College Student
- Youth Job Corp
- Non-Profit Organization
- Agency with Limited Resources
- Working Professional
- Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Which best describes your race/ethnicity:**

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino Descent
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to answer

**If you are not selected as a scholarship recipient, will you be able to attend the Conference?**

Yes  No  Maybe, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay attached.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Submit application to Sarah Green at [sarah@catrailsconference.org](mailto:sarah@catrailsconference.org) by February 29, 2024.*