



Cathance River Education Alliance

2010 CREA Environmental Youth Leader Application



What is CREA? CREA is the Cathance River Education Alliance, a 501c3 non-profit organization that promotes the wise use of the Cathance River Preserve; encourages the use of its natural resources to promote ecological awareness and nature-based learning among students, educators, and the public; and prepares future stewards of the Cathance River.

What is an Environmental Youth Leader? A CREA EYL is a student leader (10th through 12th grade) from either Morse, Mt. Ararat, or Brunswick High School that is involved in occasional workshops and training by CREA in the area of environmental education and leadership. This is a part-time commitment that is year round and involves combining active fun (hiking / fishing / trail work) with leadership training in the areas of environmental education and related studies.

2010 Focus Areas

Environmental Education = Creating lessons and activities for summer camps and nearby elementary schools involving environmental issues.

Environ-Video Production = Making 3-5 minute video clips that pertain to nature / environmental issues.

Possible Enrichment Areas:

Green Aspirations = Field studies / green career exploration & job shadows / workshops / field trips

Required Meeting & Training Dates (Projects may require some time in summer to complete)

Usually an afternoons once every two weeks or an occasional Saturday...

Payment & Incentive:

Upon completion of training EYL's will sometimes receive a stipend. Upon completion of final products (such as video clips and lessons) EYL's will receive another possible stipend. EYLs are sometimes expected to attend one enrichment area event voluntarily with no stipend due to registration costs, food, or ticket costs which may be paid for them. CREA will also write glowing recommendations indicating EYL leadership participation and describe your experience and training.

Essay Question

This will be a very competitive selection process that will ultimately choose 30 EYL's to represent three school districts (SAD 75 / Morse / Brunswick). Some of last year's EYL's may be selected to return making the number of open slots even fewer. Please take these short essays seriously. Use no more than one back to back page preferably typed.

For new applicants: What do you have to offer to CREA? What does CREA have to offer you? What makes you a good fit for this experience? Give an example of how you have been a leader? Convince us you have the time to commit to this experience.

For EYL's reapplying: Explain what you have done on your own regarding CREA related projects since last summer? What made you a successful EYL? Why should we select you again? Give an example of how you have been a leader? Convince us you have the time to commit to this experience.

Full Name	
Address	
Best Email	
Home Phone #	
Best Cell Phone #	
Parents' Names	

Please provide a person whom we can contact regarding your leadership skills.

Name: _____ Best Phone Number: _____

Their Signature confirming their willingness to discuss your leadership potential: _____

Their best time to receive a phone call _____

Parent Signature: _____

There will be another accident liability form to sign. This signature only represents that your parents or guardian agrees that this is a position that their son/daughter may have the flexibility and commitment to undertake. A signature confirms that the parent feels their son/daughter is not over booked / over worked / or adding on another endeavor which will get lost among ten others.

Student Signature: _____

I understand that there are multiple commitments that must be upheld in order to get the stipends. I understand that failure to follow through at any point will seriously jeopardize CREA's payment responsibility and your status as an EYL. I agree that I will follow through completely on at least one focus area and one enrichment area. I also agree that I will attend five of the six required meeting and training dates and that there may be more that I have to volunteer for in order to finish projects.