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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Request for Applicants COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

#### OVERVIEW

The Community Navigator Program is a program funded by the USFS and launched in 2023 to support historically underserved communities in finding and accessing federal funding and partnership support. The Community Navigator Program Scholarship Fund is intended to support professional development up to \$2000 of staff operating in organizations that primarily serve historically underserved communities as outlined by the Community Navigator Program.

#### *What is the process for applying for a CNP Scholarship?*

CNP Scholarships are capped at \$2000. To apply for a CNP scholarship, please complete the following Google form application. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until scholarship funds are exhausted. The application can be found [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw5gbls6l-BSaaUFahKTIMXiYfWmeE0MJmYgMJqvhVs6bAgQ/viewform) (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw5gbls6l-BSaaUFahKTIMXiYfWmeE0MJmYgMJqvhVs6bAgQ/viewform>)

#### *How are scholarships selected?*

- Scholarship applications are reviewed by Coalitions & Collaboratives CNP review panel and are capped at \$2000 per individual.
- Funding will only be given to applications that demonstrate clear service of underserved communities as outlined by the USFS. This includes tribal communities, communities of color, low-income rural communities, and communities that are currently experiencing or are at high risk of experiencing in the near future the impacts of wildfire, flooding, sea-level rise, prolonged drought, extreme heat, water- scarcity, or other negative impacts of climate change. Examples of acceptable documentation to meet this criteria include: demographic data from your organization such as found in annual equity report; census records showing that you serve a low-income community, community of color, etc; FEMA data showing that you serve a community disaster resilience zone (CDRZ). Some resource for providing data: <https://www.fema.gov/partnerships/community-disaster-resilience-zones> <https://www.census.gov/>
- Priority consideration will be given to staff building capacity at organizations not already receiving federal funding.

- Scholarships are intended to be used for courses/trainings/professional development activities that support staffing capacity in furthering equitable approaches to climate resilience. This can include but is not limited to courses such as the following:
  - Financial management courses
  - Conflict Resolution Trainings
  - Technical knowledge and skills trainings such as wildfire mitigation and recovery courses, watershed restoration courses, chainsaw certification courses, etc.
  - Leadership Courses
  - DEIJ courses

*How are scholarship funds dispersed?*

- Scholarship funds will be provided from Coalitions & Collaboratives CNP team directly to the training institution/entity indicated in the application. Please be sure to include clear instructions for payment for the course in your application.
- Recipients are required to submit proof of course completion including copies of certificates, licenses, etc. earned through the course and a 1 paragraph impact story of what you learned and how it will be applied.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- Review COCO's Community Navigator [website](#) and other online materials
- Be prepared with exact dates and contact information for payment for your course

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