



## ECRI EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION FOR CHAFEE AWARD RECOGNITION

The Environment Council of Rhode Island's Education Fund is honored to announce the opening of the application period for the John H. Chafee Conservation Leadership Awards for 2012. Honoring the memory of the late Governor and U.S. Senator for his dedication to preserving the environment, The ECRI Education Fund honors four Rhode Island organizations each year for their work in improving the health of the Rhode Island environment.

Recipients are selected by an independent panel of judges based on applications received from RI businesses, non profits, municipalities, and educational institutions that highlight specific projects and programs related to conservation.

Past winners include organizations that reduced polluting discharges, instituted recycling programs, developed renewable energy projects, installed sewage treatment facility upgrades, increased land conservation, and provided hands on environmental education for Rhode Island children. Potential winning projects are not limited to the examples provided here. Any project that improves the health of the Rhode Island environment is welcome for consideration.

**Applications are due at the Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) office by February 16, 2012.**

Copies of this application can be found at <http://www.environmentcouncilri.org/> or obtained by sending an email to: [environmentcouncil@earthlink.net](mailto:environmentcouncil@earthlink.net).

For further information, please contact the office at (401) 621-8048.

## *Senator John H. Chafee Conservation Awards for 2012*

Presented by the Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund

### ***Eligible entities include:***

1. Nonprofit organizations including educational and volunteer organizations.
2. Private sector corporations: industrial, service, commercial.
3. Municipalities.

### ***Not eligible:***

1. Individuals, Departments or Agencies of the Federal or State governments.
2. Chafee Award recipients in last two years

### ***General criteria:***

1. Program or project must be Rhode Island based.
2. The project or program must be significant.

*Note: Significant is defined as providing important benefits to citizens, the community, the ecological system, and natural resources. The project may serve as a model for others; it may have a volunteer component; or it may be a cooperative effort between one or more organizations including state or federal agencies.*

3. The project must be completed, or a program must be well established and currently operational.

*Note: Documentation should be submitted to indicate that the major objectives have been achieved. Projects must have been completed within the last three years.*

The 2012 Senator John H. Chafee Conservation Awards will be presented at a banquet on May 4, 2012. About 160 members of the RI environmental community attend. During the reception, recipients display and discuss their projects with attendees using visual aids. Following dinner each organization receiving an award has someone speak for 3 to 5 minutes about the program or project. A minimum of four recipient team members are requested attend the banquet. ECRI will provide two banquet tickets at no charge.

For further information, please contact:

ECRI office at (401) 621-8048 or Jack Schempp at (401) 331-4553.

## **2012 Application**

**Complete and submit the application by February 16, 2012.**

Applications submitted by email are preferred and may be sent to [environmentcouncil@earthlink.net](mailto:environmentcouncil@earthlink.net)

Or mail to: ECRI Education fund PO Box 40568, Providence, RI 02940.

### **Cover Sheet**

Project / Program Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone, fax, email:

Contact Person & Title (phone numbers if different from above):

Dates program or project was started and completed:

Organization Size:

Employees in RI: \_\_\_\_\_ Full time: \_\_\_\_\_ Part time: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please circle all the categories your project falls under:**

Air Quality

Water Quality

Sustainable Development

Habitat Restoration

Renewable Energy

Recycling

Environmental Education

Land Use Revitalization

Open Space Preservation

Trail or Bike Path Improvements

Energy Conservation

Waste Reduction

Beautification

Other:

### **Using one separate page:**

- a. Describe the organization's overall mission, size and structure.
- b. Briefly describe the program or project including its budget.
- c. Clearly state benefits to citizens, communities and the environment.
- d. Please note collaboration with other organizations.

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Applicant

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Date