



NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

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Dear NECCC Club President,

It is that time of year when the New England Camera Club Council invites high school students to be our guests at the annual NECCC Conference. The 67th Conference will be held at the University of Massachusetts Campus at Amherst on July 13, 14 & 15th, 2012.

The number of students accepted for free conference tuition, room and board will be limited to six qualified individuals. Accommodations in the conference center hotel provide the students with security and adult supervision. However, due to the shortage of rooms, the number of spots available will no doubt result in the exclusion of some deserving candidates.

We need your club's assistance in recommending a high school student (one applicant per club only) who has a sincere interest in photography. It would be beneficial if each club would assign one member interested in helping a youth pursue their photography interests. They can contact local schools, churches, youth organizations, camera stores or any other location where they may find an interested candidate. I would love to see an increase in applicants to help out a deserving talented youth this year. This can only be done through a greater commitment towards our youth. We urge you to sponsor this person for the highly rewarding experience.

The Council pays the student's registration fee, lodging in the hotel and meals. Meals are served with the speakers and officers on the 10th floor of the Campus Center building. The students are responsible for their transportation to and from the Amherst campus and optional fees which include garage parking (lot parking is free) and a \$10.00 deposit to have outside-line phone service turned on in the room.

Please use the enclosed application form to propose a student for consideration. Be certain to fully describe the individual's relevant credentials and photographic interests. The more complete the information provided the better. This will strongly determine who is chosen to attend. Feel free to attach pages or use the back of the form for additional comments and references. Students will also be responsible for submitting an essay of their experience at the conference due by August 1st. The application form must be returned to me postmarked by April 14, 2012. Club representatives submitting a candidate for consideration will be notified of the results in writing on or before May 14, 2012. If you have any questions please call.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Karen Geaghan
NECCC Youth Activities Director



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS CONFERENCE GUESTS

The New England Camera Club Council recognizes that one of its most important responsibilities is to propagate and nurture in our youth, an interest in the art and science of photography.

Each year, through the individual NECCC member-clubs, the Council invites photo-enthusiastic New England high school students to attend the Conference. The venue for the Conference is the Amherst Campus of the University of Massachusetts, where their host is the NECCC Youth Activities Director. Registration, room and board for the three-day conference is free to the student guests. However, transportation to and from the conference, garage parking and long-distance telephone charges are the guest's responsibility.

From applications submitted by a representative or President of sponsoring NECCC Clubs (one candidate per club limit), the Youth Activities Director selects six students to attend. Successful candidates are chosen based on: promptness in applying, completeness of application, degree of interest, skill, references and sponsor's endorsement. Although a definite plus, the student need not be a member of a participating NECCC Club. When there are a great number of responses, choices will be made considering the student's credentials and questions such as: "Has the candidate been a previous guest?", "Does he/she still have future high school years left to reapply?".

NECCC asks that affiliated club presidents and representatives support this effort. You can be a positive influence on talented youths seeking creative opportunities such as this.

TIMETABLE:

- Late winter— Youth Activities Director mails cover letter and application to club representatives, apprising them of the Student/Guest opportunity.
- April 14 Postmark—Deadline for accepting applications.
- Late April— Youth Activities Director notifies Council President, applicants, sponsors, and Conference Accommodations Registrar of the selection results.
- June 4 Postmark— Deadline for receiving "intent to attend/medical information" form and "room registration" form.
- Mid June— Youth Director sends letter of last-minute information and instruction to students.
- At Once— For timely resolution, any discrepancies, problems, or cancellations should be brought to the immediate attention of the responsible officials.
- Early July— The Conference.

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FREE CONFERENCE WEEKEND FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

(this section to be filled out by applicant ~ please type or print)

Name _____ **of** _____ **Student:** _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip+4: _____ Tel: ___-___-_____

E-mail: _____

Name of School Attending: _____

Check off Current School Status: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___

Age as of July 1, 2012: _____ (must be included) M ___ F ___

Camera Club Attending: _____

How Long: _____ (membership not a requirement)

Attach Essay Composed by Applicant ~ Include Photographic Background & Goals

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(this section to be filled out by sponsoring club ~ please type or print)

Sponsoring Camera Club's Name: _____

Proposer's Endorsement Rep or Pres: _____

Attach pages or use reverse side if additional space is needed. References may be added.

Name of Proposer: _____ Circle Office Held: Rep. Pres.

Address: _____

Phone No. of Proposer: ___-___-_____ E-mail: _____

Date Proposal Mailed: _____ **Deadline: Must be Postmarked by April 14, 2012**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

Return completed form to: Karen Geaghan
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