



WATER EDUCATION
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William R. Gianelli

WATER
LEADERS
CLASS



2015

The Water Leaders Class is a one-year program that identifies young community leaders from diverse backgrounds, including members of minority and ethnic communities, and educates them about water issues. The program enhances individual leadership skills and prepares participants to take an active, cooperative approach to decision-making about water resource issues. Leading stakeholders and top policy-makers serve as mentors to class members.

The Water Education Foundation is accepting applications for its nineteenth **Water Leaders Class**, which will begin **January 2015**. The application deadline is 5 p.m. **December 12, 2014**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by **December 30, 2014**.

Individuals from private business, education, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and public interest groups are encouraged to apply.

Criteria for Acceptance

- Commitment to understanding water issues;
- Interest in seeking leadership roles on public boards and commissions, or key staff positions;
- Commitment to the community through volunteer activities;
- Potential or existing opportunities for advancement to key leadership roles within their own organizations.

Participant Requirements

Designed as a program for young working professionals, participation involves a **time commitment** from both the class member **and** the employer.

Class members are required to:

- Attend a special one-day class orientation in January;
- Attend two Foundation water tours;
- Attend the Foundation's one-day Executive Briefing in March and participate in the Water Leaders Auction;
- Spend a day "shadowing" a major water leader (from government, urban, agriculture, environmental organizations, private businesses, or public interest group);
- Interview the water leader about an issue selected by the class;
- Attend special work-group meetings to develop a class PowerPoint presentation about the assigned water topic;
- Attend the Foundation's December Board meeting to present the PowerPoint.

The program is primarily funded through grants, with partial support from tuition fees. Tuition is \$3,800 for the year-long program, which helps to cover attendance at Foundation events.

Scholarship funding is available from the William R. "Bill" Gianelli, and Anne Schneider scholarship funds.

2014 Water Leaders Class

Chris Alford, American Rivers

Eleanor Bartolomeo, State Water Resources Control Board

Amanda Bohl, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Holly Canada, California Department of Water Resources

Laura Carpenter, Brown and Caldwell

Omar Carrillo, Community Water Center

Lindsay Correa, Delta Stewardship Council

Roberto C. Cortez, East Bay Municipal Utility District

Rebecca Crebbin-Coates, Planning and Conservation League

Kristina Donnelly, Pacific Institute

Rebecca K. Guo, MWH Americas

Trudi Hughes, California League of Food Processors

Elizabeth Leeper, Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard

Sean Maguire, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

Maureen Martin, Contra Costa Water District

Aubrey Mescher, Aspen Environmental Group

Christopher Park, CDM Smith

Susan Reyes, Office of Senator Ed Hernandez

Erin Rice, Bureau of Reclamation

Elizabeth Sarine, Remy Moose Manley, LLP

Minta Schaefer, ESA

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Water Leaders Association, an alumni association

**Contact Jean Nordmann,
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for more information**



To apply, send complete application package by **December 12, 2014, no later than 5p.m.** to the Water Education Foundation:

1. Completed application form
2. One-page statement describing why you are interested in participating in the class
3. Resumé
4. Letter of support from employer
5. Non-refundable application fee of \$50

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Job title and brief description _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Are you applying for a scholarship? Yes No
If yes, please provide statement of need.



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