



# ADVISOR-CANDIDATE COMMITMENT FORM

Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Certified Environmental Educator? Yes No If yes, which state? \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Advisors to the EE Certification Program candidates will exemplify high standards of environmental education knowledge, professional judgment, competence and integrity. The advisor will be committed to assisting both formal and non-formal educators with their professional development in environmental education and understanding of environmental stewardship.

## Advisor Duties

- Assist the candidate to create a professional development plan that addresses areas of weakness in the NAAEE Core Competencies.
- Maintain a regular schedule of contact with the candidate to help the candidate progress through the professional development plan.
- Provide advice, direction, and support to candidate, as needed.
- Interact with New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program Advisory Committee (NMEECPAC), as needed.

## Candidate Duties

- Maintain a regular schedule of contact with the advisor to help you create and advance through the professional development plan.
- Seek advice, direction, and support from the advisor, as needed.
- Interact with New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program Advisory Committee (NMEECPAC), as needed.

## Standards for Professional Conduct

Advisors must subscribe to the highest standards of integrity and conduct. They should promote competence in the field of environmental education by supporting high standards of education and performance.

The advisors shall hold and maintain the candidate's application, review, portfolio, and acceptance/rejection materials/information in strictest confidence for the sole and exclusive benefit of the candidate. Advisors shall at all times adhere to professional standards of conduct, including but not limited to:

- communication of facts regarding the environment and environmental issues.
- accurate representation of research—avoiding bias, theological and religious beliefs, or political standing.
- familiarity with new research in the field of environmental education, keeping informed of trends within the field.
- promote competence in the field of EE by supporting high standards of education, performance and employment practices.
- be aware of how personal belief systems may affect professional activities.
- strive to be sensitive to cultural and individual differences including those due to age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, and socio-economic status.
- avoid situations where a conflict of interest may arise.
- accept responsibility for behavior and decisions.
- possess an adequate basis for professional judgment.
- respect the fundamental rights, dignity and worth of program participants, program staff, colleagues, etc. and the environment.
- do not reveal confidential information of staff, program participants, etc.
- do not accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or obtain special advantage.
- avoid dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or unprofessional demeanor.
- cooperate with other environmental educators and professionals.
- promote the profession of environmental education in a positive but realistic manner so as to encourage involvement by other professionals.
- professionalism free from sexual harassment; discrimination; or smearing the reputation of other professionals / organizations through the use of false, biased or otherwise undocumented claims.

**Advisor**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), understand my duties and responsibilities to the New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program and commit to fulfilling them to the best of my abilities.

Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), understand my duties and responsibilities to the New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program and commit to fulfilling them to the best of my abilities.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_