



Press Release

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Judith A. Towle Environmental Studies Fund

Established at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands
Accepting Applications for 2011 Funding

Purpose

Established in 2003, the Judith A. Towle Environmental Studies Fund supports activities that address environmental concerns that transcend the boundaries of any single island or island state, particularly in the **U.S. and British Virgin Islands** (a shared marine ecosystem separated by a political boundary) and in the dual-island nation of **St. Kitts and Nevis** (one political entity comprising two contrasting and separate islands).

Grants will be awarded based on the potential of the proposed project to promote an integrated approach to addressing shared environmental concerns across island boundaries, and to projects that contribute to transboundary solutions for environmental problems that threaten long-term ecological sustainability.

Who Is Eligible?

Any **individual** who is a resident of, or a **not-for-profit institution** based in, the insular Caribbean may submit a grant application, although preference will be given to those in the U.S. or British Virgin Islands or in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. **Graduate students** may also submit grant applications particularly those whose research focuses on the U.S./British Virgin Islands or St. Kitts and Nevis. Preference will be given to graduate students who are nationals of the U.S. or British Virgin Islands or of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Eligible Activities

① INTERNSHIPS ② RESEARCH STUDIES ③ WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND LECTURESHIPS ④ PUBLICATIONS

Application Process

Applications, not to exceed three single-spaced typed pages, should include **all** of the following information:

- 1) Name, address, telephone number and email address of the applicant.
- 2) A brief introduction to the applicant, highlighting the applicant's qualifications for undertaking the proposed project.
- 3) Description of the proposed activity, including **who** will do **what** within what **timeframe**, and what are the **anticipated accomplishments, results or products** of the activity.
- 4) Assessment of how the proposed activity furthers the overall purpose of the Towle Fund.
- 5) Amount of money requested and how it will be expended.
- 6) Names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of 3 persons familiar with the applicant's work and accomplishments and who could be contacted for additional information.

Grant Award

One or more grants will be made annually, **not to exceed a total of \$5,000 in any single year**.

Application Submission

The deadline for receipt of applications is **May 31, 2011**. Please forward your application to:

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Attention: Dee Baecher-Brown, President

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