



2024 Diversity Scholarship

2024 American Chestnut Symposium
“Rooted in Restoration, Connected Through Community”
Friday, October 25 – Saturday, October 26
Courtyard Hartford Cromwell Hotel

Our Mission is to return the iconic American chestnut to its native range.
Our Vision is a robust eastern forest restored to its splendor.

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) is a community of thousands of passionate people working together across generations to restore an iconic tree, an ecosystem, and our relationship with, and respect for, nature.

TACF’s 2024 American Chestnut Symposium will bring together scientists, conservationists, private landowners, and industry professionals to share information and perspectives about American chestnut restoration and the significant role of this tree species in the eastern U.S. forests. The meeting will provide an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of American chestnut restoration, explore partnerships, exchange information, and discuss this crucial restoration mission with a wide audience.

[Full Symposium Schedule of Events](#)

Goals of Scholarship:

TACF is offering this scholarship to individuals from communities that have been historically excluded from or underrepresented in environmental conservation efforts or discussions about American chestnut restoration.

- This scholarship provides individuals from underrepresented groups (racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, socioeconomic status, and/or disabilities) interested in American chestnut restoration access and opportunities to network with professionals in various industries and disciplines.

- Scholarship awardees will have access to all events during the symposium. They will learn about TACF's latest research endeavors from staff scientists, attend presentations on forest ecology from a range of academic and industry experts, and listen to other inspiring speakers.
- Provide increased access to continuing education units (CEU) in the fields of forestry, arboriculture, and related fields.

Scholarship Details:

The 2024 American Chestnut Symposium Diversity Scholarship covers the cost of registration for the full symposium events for awardees, including meals (\$225 value). It does not cover travel costs or lodging.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants should be from a historically underrepresented group (gender identities, racial and ethnic backgrounds, disability, or socioeconomic status), living in New England and over the age of 18. Applicants are responsible for transportation to the symposium in Cromwell, CT.

How to submit Application:

Applications will be accepted 9/19/24 - 10/1/24

- **Submit application via [this form](#)**
- **Submission deadline for the 2024 program: 10/1/24**
- **Scholars will be notified by 10/9/24**
- **Incomplete or late applications cannot be considered**