**2016 NESEA “BE The Future” Student Scholarship Competition 0**9-29-2015

Includes:

-Full-day Wednesday pass to NESEA’s BuildingEnergy 2016 Conference

-Transportation to and from the conference (some limitations may apply)

-Membership to NESEA for 1 year

-Recognition of winners at special event – “BE The Future” – at BE2016, including prominent NESEA members and student scholarship winners throughout the Northeast

**Why should your company participate?**

The future of NESEA relies of the next generation of inspired graduates who are planning to enter a field related to sustainability in the built environment. The buzz they get from being at BuildingEnergy and the connections they make with NESEA Members and other graduates is tangible and powerful. They will catch the fever just like you did, and keep coming back to give and get. They will spread the word within their own programs, and potentially even to their schools administration heads responsible for the future of building on their campus. And they will make great employees. There are huge potential win-win-win gains for the NESEA, the participating companies, and the students themselves, as well as inroads into organizations of higher education.

**Applicants must submit:**

1-page essay on why they feel they would be best suited to attend the conference. All submissions should be delivered to the relevant Department Head within 2 weeks of posting date, with an optional extension as needed.

**Protocol for participating company:**

1.     Select a College or University you would like to sponsor. Most companies choose school programs from which they might hire graduates, local or not.

2.     Contact the Head of the Department you are targeting (Architecture, Sustainability, Construction, Mechanical/Environmental Engineering/Public Policy, Sustainable Business, Building Science, etc.) to propose the scholarship, and receive confirmation.

a.      The school must to agree to promote it internally.

b.     The school must agree to allow the student give an open presentation on the experience to other students during a special session.

c.      Students must agree to write a 1-paragraph blog post on their experience at the BuildingEnergy Conference.

3.     Submit a branded poster from template (attached)

a.      Insert Company Name

b.     Insert timeframe for submission

c.      Decide who is eligible

4.     Students will submit essays directly to the sponsoring firm. A winner will be chosen by firm representative and notified by December 1, 2015. All notifications must cc: Jennifer Marrapese, NESEA Executive Director, [jmarrapese@nesea.org](mailto:jmarrapese@nesea.org).

5.     NESEA will bill company $250 once the winner is chosen and registered for the conference.

6.     Sponsoring company will assist NESEA staff in finding transportation to and from the conference, preferably providing a ride with Company staff if possible.

7.     Company sponsors are encouraged to attend the  “BE The Future” event and interface with their scholarship winner at the Conference.