Friends of
Virgin Islands National Park

2021-2022 Educator Scholarship Application

The Educator Scholarship is intended to support the educator in their efforts to broaden students’ horizons by providing meaningful environmental and cultural education experiences.

Educator:
Email/Phone:

School:
Subject Area/s:
Grade Level/s:
Number of students:

The scholarship award is up to $500 and can be used to cover transportation costs for field trips in the park, as well as project-based learning supplies and materials.

Awarded educators will share:
  a. lesson plans for field trips
  b. receipts for purchases and taxi payment
  c. photo/video documentation of project-based learning

Awarded educators are encouraged to register for virtual presentations, and sign up for other Friends of the Park education outreach events, such as Ocean Week (October 2021), Folk Life Festival (Feb 2022) and Earth Day (April 2022).

Please share how will you use the educator scholarship to enrich teaching and learning in Virgin Islands National Park?

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Educator Signature: _______________________________ Date:

Endorsed by: _______________________________ Date:
(Principal/School Manager)

Submit Applications to psmail@friendsvinp.org or call (340) 779-4940 for more information.
LESSON EXAMPLES AND IDEAS

My Park is a Living Classroom! Connecting Youth with VI National Park
Sample 4th Grade Lesson Plans

"Birds of a Feather: Becoming Bird Watchers"
1. SKIP Field Trip - Francis Bay Bird Walk guided by VINP Ranger Laurel Brannick (2-minute short video will promote the hike and encourage all youth to do the hike on their own time with their families)
2. In-class - matching birds observed with habitat/s, create local bird identifier (or provide for students)
3. At-home - photo/sketch or record bird observations around your home using bird identifier (kids binoculars, field guide book, etc)
4. Virtual presentation with Ranger Laurel identifying sounds of birds (open to all VI 4th grade)
5. STEM Extension Activity! "Science of Sound" lesson, learning about pitch, frequency, and tone using simple, everyday items

"What Goes Up...Must Come Down: Understanding Erosion & Watersheds"
1. SKIP Field Trip - island tour of erosion sites and watershed viewpoints including Fish Bay Gut, North Shore beaches & view of the Coral Bay alluvial plane among others (2-minute short video will promote the hike and encourage all youth to do the hike on their own time with their families)
2. In-class - erosion demonstrations & experiments including different types of erosion
3. At-home - find examples of erosion, determine which type they are observing
4. Virtual Presentation - information about the impact of sediment and septic runoff on coral health
5. STEM Extension Activity! - Design erosion control methods for terraced gardens and informational posters about sediment and septic runoff