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Dear Educator:

**You are invited to apply for a scholarship, including lodging and travel support,** to attend Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy's [Summer Institute for Climate Change Education](#) in St. Paul, Minnesota, **June 26-29, 2017.** We are able to offer this scholarship due to the generosity of a group of concerned donors who want to ensure that science-based, credible resources and training are available to you and your colleagues, despite recent attempts to undermine science education.

You may be aware that a mailing from the Heartland Institute containing misinformation about climate change was recently distributed to science teachers across the U.S. We want you to have the resources and training to combat this misinformation, and accurately teach about a subject that is critically important for our students' future. For over a decade, we have nurtured a growing community of educators who are integrating climate change into their classrooms, with partners such as NOAA's Climate Education Office, the University of Minnesota, and the National Center for Science Education. Our trainings are rooted in science and build the capacity of teachers to effectively teach climate change, nurture action competence, and improve climate change education in the classroom.

The 2017 Summer Institute will focus on our newest, peer-reviewed middle school curriculum resource, *Next Generation Climate*, which uses the Next Generation Science Standards as a framework. The activities of the [Summer Institute for Climate Change Education](#) will be aligned closely with the curriculum, including sessions featuring experts in related education and science content.

Participants in our Summer Institute will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from leading University of Minnesota climate scientists
- Engage with hands on activities that help bring climate change concepts into the classroom
- Tap into Climate Generation's curriculum resources, which support language arts, social studies, and science standards, including the Next Generation Science Standards.

Each day of the Institute will explore a different question from the *Next Generation Climate* curriculum, such as: "What evidence is there to show there is a rise in global temperature?" and, "In what ways can the repercussions of climate change be minimized?" In addition, participating educators will hear from a teacher panel that will share climate change education challenges and successes. To sustain learning and build community, all participants will be invited to a series of free webinars and networking opportunities throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

**To apply, visit <http://bit.do/cgsi>.** Scholarships include travel support, lodging, participation in the 3-day Institute as well as the optional field trip to Cedar Creek, and the *Next Generation Climate* curriculum resource.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rom, Executive Director

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