Actively seeking diverse mentors to assist with Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Youth Scholarship Program in Dayton, Ohio ~ May 7-10, 2017

Dear Friends of Trails and Greenways,

The American Trails 23rd International Trails Symposium is fast approaching (May 7-10) and we are pleased to report that the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Leaders Scholarship will enable 16 youth ages 21-25 to attend at no cost and be exposed to nationally prominent speakers, discussions pertaining to trends in the industry, and countless networking and learning opportunities.

Whether through federal or state agencies, nonprofit organizations, or private sector employers, American Trails seeks to inspire and encourage youth participants to pursue careers that will advance trails for those who build, maintain, use, and dream of trails.

A first step is providing a meaningful Symposium experience that includes exposure to current topics and guidance on establishing a career in trails, greenways, and blueways and we need your help to make this possible.

Mentors are asked to:

- Mentor one youth scholarship recipient during the Symposium (May 7-10) and make an earnest attempt to understand his or her career ambitions, questions, and related concerns and to offer advice and connection opportunities.
- Participate in a one-hour conference call with the Scholarship Committee approximately two weeks before the Symposium.
- Make contact with your mentee sometime before the conference via email or phone to facilitate conversation and introductions and to answer any questions the mentee may have about the conference.
- Attend the scholar orientation and group dinner on Saturday, May 6 if possible.
- Join us for a brief orientation and to meet your mentee just before the Welcome Reception on Sunday, May 7.
- Sit with your mentee at the Opening and Closing Keynote Luncheons on Monday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 10.
- Make introductions. Introduce your mentee to any relevant contacts in attendance and help to make connections. Promote your mentee’s talents.
- Recommend resources, books, websites or networks that the mentee might benefit from.
- Assist your mentee, as needed, in navigating conference logistics and in selecting sessions.
Attend the scholar-led Concurrent Session on the morning of Wednesday, May 10 if possible.

Continue a professional mentoring relationship after the conference has concluded on a voluntary basis only if both you and your mentee are interested in such.

Additional activities that you are invited to join, but are not a requirement to attend:

- Field day, involving hiking and biking activities, on Sunday, May 7th.
- The trail service project with PTBA on Tuesday, May 9 (we’ll need 2-3 mentors, especially ones with hands-on trail building experience).
- Group dinner off-site on Wednesday, May 10.

If you are interested in mentoring, please complete the brief application form and submit to me at katiepitstick@altaplanning.com by March 31st. The committee will work to match mentors and mentees based on professional interest and have all matches made by April 7.

If selected mentors are interested in staying at the same location for more opportunity for discussion with their mentee and other Emerging Leader Scholarship Program participants, the mentees will be staying at the Crowne Plaza (33 E 5th St Dayton, OH 45402)

Sincerely,
Katie Pitstick

Emerging Leaders Scholarship Mentor Program Chair