North American Riverprize Coordinator

The North American Riverprize Coordinator will oversee logistics related to the promotion, review, selection and recognition of the 2015 North American Riverprize. The Coordinator will work closely with River Network staff to ensure an efficient and timely process, cumulating with the awards gala in May 2015. This is a volunteer position and located at River Network’s headquarters in Portland, Oregon. This opportunity may also qualify for academic credit.

Essential Functions

• **Promote Nominations**
  Assist with the promotion of the North American Riverprize to potential applicants. Respond to inquiries and provide additional support in association with River Network and International RiverFoundation staff.

• **Support the Selection Process**
  Support the identification of Stage 2 candidates. Ensure judges are kept informed of the review process and schedule. Schedule and record discussions related to the selection of finalists and the overall winner.

• **Generate Media and Community Interest**
  Assist with the promotion of the North American Riverprize to local, national, and international media, promote the prize among professional societies, and help create excitement about the prize.

• **Coordinate Awards Gala**
  Work with River Rally Coordinator to prepare the awards’ Gala at River Rally 2015, including any related presentations/videos, presenters, decorations and awards. Attend the Gala (expenses covered by River Network). Provide any necessary follow-up.

Qualifications

• Willingness and ability to volunteer 2-4 hours/week between September and May.
• Excellent writing, communication and project management skills.
• Exceptional at interpersonal communications, detail oriented, and problem solver, able to work at a professional level with a diverse group of people.
• Experience in marketing and public relations or strong demonstrated interest.
• Ability to prioritize work and manage time well in order to meet multiple deadlines.
• Commitment to river conservation, values of mutual respect, collaborative work environment, teamwork and a sense of humor.
To apply
Please email a cover letter and resume by September 1, 2014 to Katherine Luscher at kluscher@rivernetwork.org. Include “Riverprize Application – Your Name” as the subject. Additional information for professors and students is available upon request.

About the North American Riverprize

The North American Riverprize is a new, prestigious environmental award. It recognizes organizations and communities (or coalitions) that have developed and implemented outstanding, visionary and sustainable programs in river and watershed management at specific rivers or basins in Mexico, the U.S., or Canada.

Building upon the success of the established Australian Riverprize and European Riverprize, International River Foundation has selected River Network to establish this award program in North America.

The prize will be assessed on documented integrated river management, social and economic gains, long term vision and achievements in river ecology. Finalists from the United States, Canada and Mexico will be determined annually by an all-North American panel of experts from professional, academic and scientific disciplines. The overall winner will qualify as an automatic finalist in the Thiess International Riverprize the following year. Knowledge exchanges with other projects (“twinning”) will help extend the reach of the prize and the recognition.

North America Riverprize finalists and winners will be announced at River Rally, a conference held each spring that brings together hundreds of river conservation and watershed protection leaders from across the U.S. and beyond. River Rally 2015 will take place on Santa Ana Pueblo lands in New Mexico on May 1-4, 2015.

About River Network
River Network’s mission is to empower and unite people and communities to protect and restore rivers and other waters that sustain the health of our country.

For over 25 years, we have accomplished our mission by helping over 2,000 local, state, and regional groups across the US take care of our rivers and watersheds. We offer one-on-one mentoring and consulting, virtual events and webinars, and conferences to strengthen grassroots efforts, convene groups for greater impact, and increase the transfer of new water management solutions.

Learn more about us at www.rivernetwork.org.