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Rhinebeck, New York

**Omega Institute – Rhinebeck Campus**  
**Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP) Application • July 3 – 29, 2016**  
**Program Cost: \$2675 • Register early for tuition discounts**  
(See details on program website for early registration deadlines)

Dear Applicant,

The Omega Center for Sustainable Living (OCSL) is excited to announce the 2016 Ecological Literacy Immersion program (ELIP). Through lectures, discussion, hands-on projects, field trips, community experience and personal reflection, we study ecology from a social, economic, personal and spiritual perspective. What we learn in the process is an approach that can be applied to creative problem solving anywhere. For more information and faculty bios, please visit [www.eOmega.org/ELIP](http://www.eOmega.org/ELIP).

Your application will include:

- **A completed Application Form**
- **Your Personal Statement**
- **A Recommendation Form** (suggested for any applicant, but this will not hold us up from processing your application if you do not have one. This form is required for all work-study & scholarship applicants)

Please send application materials to: [Lauraw@eomega.org](mailto:Lauraw@eomega.org) with subject: ELIP Application - Name of Applicant

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**Fax to: 845-266-9617** with subject: ELIP Application - Name of Applicant

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**Omega Institute – Eco-Literacy Immersion Program**  
**150 Lake Drive**  
**Rhinebeck, NY 12572**

**Eligibility:** All levels of experience and prior study are welcome. You must be 18 or older to apply. We are looking for candidates with a high level of maturity and a sincere desire to be part of creating the future they envision for society and our planet. Applicants should think about both what they hope to gain from the program, and how they can help to enhance the experience of others within their learning community.

**NOTE:** Submitting an application does not register you for the course. When an application has been received, we will send you a confirmation email. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

Once you have been notified of acceptance, you will have two weeks to call and confirm your intention to attend the course and pay a \$500 deposit to hold a space in the program. Payment in full must be received no later than Friday, June 10, 2016. Applicants who are accepted and register early are eligible for tuition discounts.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Laura: 845-266-4444 ext. 377 or email [Lauraw@eomega.org](mailto:Lauraw@eomega.org)

Sincerely,

Laura Weiland & The OCSL Team

**Omega Institute – Rhinebeck Campus**  
**4-Week Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP) Application**  
**July 3 – 29, 2016**  
**Program Cost: \$2675. Register early for tuition discounts**

All questions (including personal statement) must be completed for this application to be valid.  
Please type or print *clearly*.

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work/home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: (Optional)    \_\_\_ 18-25    \_\_\_ 26-34    \_\_\_ 35-45    \_\_\_ 46-59    \_\_\_ 60-69    \_\_\_ 70 and over

Ethnicity: (Optional)    \_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska native                    \_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino  
                                 \_\_\_ Asian/Pacific Islander                                        \_\_\_ White/Caucasian  
                                 \_\_\_ Black/African American     \_\_\_ Multi-ethnic  
                                 \_\_\_ Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any information you'd like us to know about you in order to help us plan for your arrival, including any special dietary or health concerns.

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**Housing Package Note:** Meals and campsites with tent platforms are included in the program cost. You must provide your own tent and all appropriate camping gear. Bathhouses with showers are nearby. Indoor accommodations may be available for an additional fee, please contact Laura to inquire about housing upgrades: [lauraw@eomega.org](mailto:lauraw@eomega.org)

**Recommendation:** If you are including a recommendation form, please provide a copy to someone who knows you well and can speak to both your preparedness for this program, and what you can offer the 2016 ELIP learning community.

**Personal Statement:** In addition to the previous information, the following questions will help our faculty in their preparation for this group. Please type or write your responses *clearly* on a separate page. (1-2 pages maximum)

1. Briefly describe your educational and/or professional background.
2. Describe your previous experience, if any, in gardening, farming, permaculture, green building, ecological design, community work, and any other relevant areas of work or study.
3. What interests you about this program, and how do you imagine this course can help you with your future plans?
4. Please describe what you can offer to this learning community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_