Omega Institute – Rhinebeck Campus
Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP) Application • June 28–July 24, 2020
Program Cost: $3,425 • 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 2020 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.

Your application will include:

- This Application Form
- Your Personal Statement (see questions below)
- 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 scholarship applicants)

Please send application materials to: ELIP@eOmega.org

and 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. If younger than 18, you can apply if you plan to come with an adult. 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 this 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 5, 2020. 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 ELIP@eOmega.org

Sincerely,
Laura Weiland & The OCSL Team
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: ( ) ___________________________ Phone: Cell ( ) _____________________

Email: __________________________________________ Nationality: _______________________

Occupation: ____________________________________ Employer/School: ___________________

How did you hear about this program? If referred by someone, please include their name.

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Gender: ________________________________

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

Race/Ethnicity: ___ Asian/Pacific Islander ___ Indigenous/First Nations

(Optional – please check all that apply) ___ Black/African American ___ White

___ Hispanic/Latinx ___ 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: ELIP@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 2020 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: ____________________________